

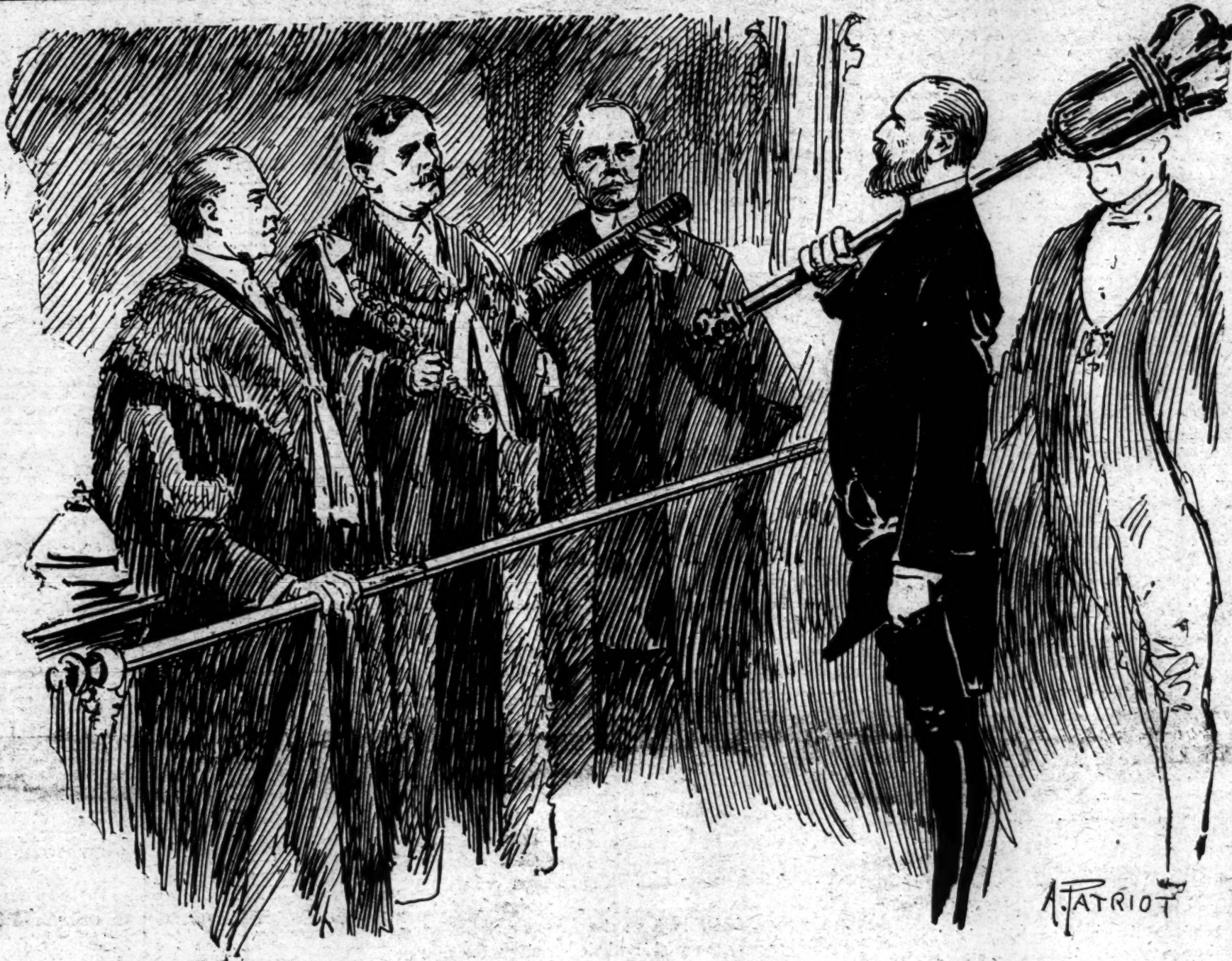
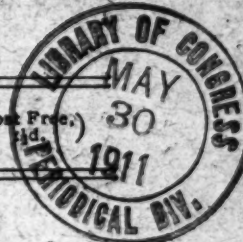
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To the brave women who to-day are fighting for freedom! to the noble women who all down the ages kept the flag flying and looked forward to this day without seeing it: to all women all over the world, of whatever race, or creed, or calling, whether they be with us or against us in this fight, we dedicate this paper.

THE OUTLOOK.

The great victory which we announced last week, when the Conciliation Bill was carried through its second reading by the overwhelming majority of 167 (255 to 88) is being turned to good account in the House of Commons, and there are grounds for confidence that the year 1911 will see the enfranchisement of women an accomplished fact.

Members of Parliament Take Action.

On Monday last the members of the Conciliation Committee held a meeting and decided to lose no time in pressing upon the Government their claim for full

facilities for the Bill this Session. As a preliminary step it was agreed to ask the Prime Minister to receive a deputation from the Committee who will request him to grant a day for discussing a motion declaring the wish of the House to proceed effectively with the Bill this Session. This procedure is based upon eighteenth-century precedent, and seems a suitable way of meeting the present situation.

The Step Following.

According to the Parliamentary Correspondent of *The Manchester Guardian*, "the next step, supposing the discussion were granted and ended favourably to the Bill, would be to propose either a motion allocating time or a motion empowering the Chairman to select amendments. Either of these from a private member would of course be entirely without precedent, but the Conciliation Committee are not daunted by that. The length of the Committee stage which they are at present contemplating as adequate is six or seven days, and they do not, I think, expect to get them much before August."

The Liberal Press ask for Facilities.

We quoted last week a number of interesting extracts from leading articles in the principal Liberal papers in which an opinion was expressed favourable to proceeding with the remaining stages of the Bill. We quote on page 550, a further selection from the press of both parties this week. Our readers will note with great attention the following definite pronouncement of *The Nation*, the Liberal weekly paper:—

Sir George Kemp was allowed to carry the reference of the Bill to a Committee of the whole House, and he stated that if it became law the Suffrage Associations were willing to wait for

the vote until the normal end of Parliament. We cannot but think that these pacifying pledges and proceedings ought to have their effect upon the Government, in whose hands the fate of the Bill rests. Its pledges are specific, and it cannot now merely decree the measure's extinction.

Scarcely a single Liberal paper is opposed to this course.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin.

An important contribution to the forces at work on behalf of the immediate enactment of the Woman Suffrage Bill was made on Friday last by the presence at the Bar of the House of Commons of the Lord Mayor of Dublin and Alderman Dr. McWalter and the Dublin Civic Authorities, who came representing the Dublin Corporation to present a petition in favour of the Conciliation Bill. We give at the head of this page a picture of this interesting ceremony, and a full description from the pen of Mr. H. W. Nevins will be found on page 544. The survival of this ancient custom has a bearing upon the case tried recently at the Law Courts, when Mrs. Pankhurst claimed the right of petition as a justification for her attempt to see Mr. Asquith. It proves that *personal* presentation was a recognised feature of the right (which so far as the Lord Mayors of London and Dublin were concerned could be exercised inside the walls of the House of Commons).

A United Welcome.

In order to signify their appreciation of the courtesy of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in coming over to London specially for this purpose, the Women's Social and Political Union organised a dinner in their honour on Friday night, and although there were only 48 hours in which to arrange the function, close on 200 people were present. Mrs. Pankhurst was in the chair, and speeches of welcome were delivered by Mr. Hugh Law, M.P., Mr. Walter McLaren, M.P., Mrs. Fawcett, of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, and Mrs. Despard, of the Women's Freedom League. Mr. Brailsford in a coherent

utterance, which we reproduce in full on the next page, gave the Toast of the Cause amidst great enthusiasm.

An Anti-Suffragist on the Bill.

In his speech on the Parliament Bill in the House of Commons on Monday last Mr. F. E. Smith referred to Woman Suffrage as follows:—

Upon that point he had always been proud to consider the Prime Minister as his leader rather than the right hon. gentleman below him. (Laughter.) He had heard the Prime Minister develop cogent arguments to show that neither the electorate nor indeed the women of the country desired Female Suffrage. With that view he agreed. Yet a moment's reflection on recent division lists in the House would show that there was a majority in favour of Female Suffrage, and that there was a similar majority in the last House of Commons. No one would dispute that if the Prime Minister were to give facilities (which he was not likely to give) for full Parliamentary consideration Female Suffrage in this Parliament would be carried into law. How did they reconcile these circumstances with the claim that the constituencies did not desire Female Suffrage?

Mr. F. E. Smith was arguing against the enactment of the Parliament Bill, but Liberals who support that proposal, and indeed all M.P.'s who recognise that the members of the House of Commons are largely guided in their views by the opinions of their constituents, will turn his argument the other way. Proceeding to deal with Mr. Churchill's statement that the Referendum, though an improper way of dealing with other questions, would be "an admirable method of ascertaining the views of the nation upon Female Suffrage," Mr. F. E. Smith said:—

The proposal to have a Referendum in order to deal with Female Suffrage is not only an exposure of the insincerity of the opposition to the Referendum as a whole, but an entirely destructive criticism of Clause 2 of the Veto Bill. Clause 2 is either adequate or inadequate as a criterion or method of ascertaining the wishes of the democracy. If it is adequate, a Referendum on Female Suffrage is an insulting sex exception to a beneficent measure. If it is inadequate, the facility of the Bill is certificated by the proposal of the Home Secretary.

Mr. Churchill's inconsistency could hardly be better expressed.

Speech by Mr. George Lansbury.

Mr. George Lansbury made an important speech on Monday last at the meeting of the W.S.P.U. in the London Pavilion. Referring to the division in the House of Commons, he said:—

That showed that the country was in favour of the Bill. Members of Parliament do not vote for measures of which their constituents disapprove. They are too susceptible to pressure.

Women had a right to facilities in this Session, and the House of Commons must find time, even if it meant sitting longer, in order to pass their Bill. He advised women to try every possible means of pressure in their power upon Members of the Liberal Party to get them to insist upon effective facilities. Miss Nina Boyle spoke of the position of Woman Suffrage in South Africa; the Lord Mayor of Dublin also addressed the meeting, and a cup to commemorate the occasion was presented to his infant son.

Concentrate on the Vote.

The Caxton Hall was full to overflowing on Monday evening last, when the Men's Political Union gave a welcome to Mr. Hugh Franklin on his first appearance since his imprisonment. Letters of encouragement were read from Mr. Remnant, M.P., Mr. Walter McLaren, M.P., Mr. George Touche, M.P., and others. Mr. George Touche said:—

The proposed reform is an act of simple justice. Its continued refusal or avoidance is unconstitutional, unwise and unfair.

The Government can easily give facilities this year if they are sincere about their pledge, but the friends of the Cause must let it be seen that they will stand no trifling.

Mr. Nevinson reminded the audience of Napoleon's maxim of war, "Decide on your point of attack and concentrate on that alone"; for this reason he would say to his hearers, "Leave every question of sex inequality and concentrate on the vote." Important speeches were also delivered by Mr. Cameron Swan, Mr. Hugh Franklin, Miss Vida Goldstein and Bishop Mathew. A sum of £50 was raised for the Campaign Fund of the M.P.U.

National Insurance.

In welcoming last week the general principle of the Insurance Bill introduced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, we called attention to certain grave defects in the measure as regards the position of women, and expressed the hope that an opportunity would be taken of removing these in committee. We print in our issue this week an important article by the Countess of Selborne, in which she draws serious attention to the omission from the Bill of any suitable provision for the widow and orphan. We commend this to the attention of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

The Imperial Conference.

Next Tuesday is fixed for the meeting of the Imperial Conference, composed of representatives of all the self-governing parts of the Empire. Men will take part in that Conference representing the enfranchised women of New Zealand and Australia, while side by side with them will be men representing those parts of the Empire where women are excluded from the franchise. We trust that an opportunity will be found of raising this question and of pointing out the degrading position which women from the more enlightened Dominions have to accept when they become domiciled in the United Kingdom. We are glad to see that the Australian Premier, Mr. Andrew Fisher, referred, in one of the first interviews which he had in this country, to the pure Democracy of Australia, "where men and women have the franchise equally."

In Memoriam.

Our readers will learn with regret the sad news which arrives just as we go to press, of the death of Mrs. Gielon, a sister of Mrs. Cousins, of Dublin. By her death the members of the Irish Women's Franchise League lose not only a personal friend but also a zealous and active worker in the cause.

Items of Interest.

The following Town and Borough Councils, in addition to those already mentioned in these columns, have passed resolutions in favour of the Conciliation Bill:—Altrincham, Ambleside, Birkenhead, Bonnyrigg, Bredbury and Romiley, Camberwell, Coventry, Enfield, Fife, Hackney, Harrogate, Heaton Norris, Jarrow, Keswick, Kirriemuir, Newport, Penarth, Radcliffe, Scarborough, Sunderland, Uxbridge, Wandsworth, Wellingborough, Whitehaven and Wick.

The Church Socialist League have passed a resolution making it one of the objects of the league to give practical effect to the principles of sex equality.

At the meeting of the W.S.P.U. at the Steinway Hall, on Thursday in last week, Mrs. Massey gave an interesting account of the Suffrage meetings recently held by her in Brussels, at which over £17 had been taken in collections.

Shortly after the second reading of the Conciliation Bill the following telegram was received at Clements Inn:—"Canadian Suffrage Association. Heartfelt greeting. Glorious victory. World owes you liberation of all womanhood. God bless you all."

Miss Dorothy Evans has been sent to prison for seven days for refusing to pay her dog tax; she will be released to-day.

Successful meetings have been held by Mrs. Pankhurst in Watford and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence in Ipswich. Lady Betty Balfour, Mr. Israel Zangwill and Lady Maud Parry had also an enthusiastic reception at Worthing. Owing to lack of space we have been obliged to hold the reports over to next week.

A special article has been written for VOTES FOR WOMEN by Gertrude Asherton, the eminent authoress, which we hope to print in our next issue.

The Prussian Upper House has accepted a resolution of the Council of the Rhine County to give the municipal vote to women.

INSURANCE FOR THE WIDOW AND ORPHAN.

By the Countess of Selborne.

Now that National Insurance has been brought into the front rank of political questions, to be dealt with immediately by Parliament, I should like to beg my fellow-countrymen not to pass over the case of the widow left with young children. There is no provision made for them in the Bill introduced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and yet they are the greatest sufferers in the country from lack of insurance. They deserve peculiar pity, as their misfortunes are unavoidable and undeserved. If anybody ought to be succoured by public assistance, they ought to be. Nothing shows more vividly the necessity of giving women votes than that a Minister should bring an Insurance Bill before Parliament and leave out a class of people who require assisted insurance more than any other, simply because they are women, and, therefore, electorally a negligible quantity.

Just consider how hard their case is. A young man and a young woman marry. He is in good employment, earning good wages. They have five or six children, to whom they are giving all the care and attention that people can. The children are well fed, well clothed, well brought up. To procure this result, surely most desirable from the State's point of view, the father must spend his whole earnings, the mother her whole time. They are just able to afford the money for the medical club, but adequate contribution to an Insurance Society which would really provide for the family in case of the bread winner's death is quite beyond their reach. Then the blow falls. An attack of pneumonia, let us say, carries off the man, and the woman is left with five or six little children, for whom she must earn food and lodging, and whom she must nurse, at the same time doing all the household work.

Let us suppose that her husband has done the utmost in his power, and insured his life for £20 or £30. That will give her a few months' maintenance, but what is she to do when that is gone? If she goes out to work she can earn 10s. or 15s. a week at most, and out of that she must pay someone to look after her children. The State offers her the Workhouse, where she will be separated from her children, knowing that they are being brought up subject to all the influences she most dreads for them. The better woman she is the more she will struggle against this solution. In the country Unions outdoor relief is sometimes given, but on a miserably inadequate scale. Then the children are half starved, and a great temptation is laid on the mother to take to bad courses, or at best to marry any man who asks her, whether she can love and respect him or not, merely to get a home for her children.

Now, in New Zealand, where the men who make the laws have women for their constituents, the insurance, aided by the State, gives 7s. 6d. a week for each child who is left fatherless under 14. In Australia there is not yet any general insurance scheme, but they have provided for these widows and deserted wives, who can have their children boarded out to them at 6s. per week for each child, under the Maintenance of Neglected Children Act.

In England our scale of expenditure is lower, and if 4s., or even 3s., per child were allowed, the mother would be able to feed and clothe it. I do not believe anyone would be inclined to object if widows had been thought of in the Bill. They have been omitted because voters must be considered first.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE £100,000 FUND.

April 4 to April 5.

Already acknowledged.	£ s. d.	Per Miss Key Jones—	£ s. d.
Lady Home	5 0 0	Sister Farnham (coll. in	0 3 3
"M. D. H."	1 0 0	envelopes)	0 13 3
Mrs. M. D. H.	1 0 0	Mrs. Coultate (do.)	0 1 0
Mrs. M. D. H.	1 0 0	Mrs. R. Atkinson (do.)	0 1 0
Mrs. Katherine Conran	0 10 0	Miss Key Jones (do.)	0 6 4
Dr. Honor Bone	5 0 0	Miss C. Safford	0 6 8
Mrs. M. Anderson	0 19 0	Mrs. Safford	0 0 8
Miss L. A. Newberry	0 5 0	Mrs. F. H.	0 1 0
Mrs. Henry Martin	0 2 0	Miss A. Safford	0 1 8
Per Miss L. Ainsworth—	0 2 6	Mrs. Lanker	0 2 0
Miss Hambrook	0 2 6	Per Mrs. Sunday Newby—	
Extra on "V. f. W."	0 0 11	Miss Wormald	0 4 6
Mrs. Lismore	0 1 0	Miss Van Camp	0 0 2
Mrs. Muir	0 5 0	Miss D. Wale	0 3 9
Per Mrs. R. Barrett—		Mrs. Worne	0 4 3
Mrs. Mackworth	2 0 0	Mrs. Charley	0 4 9
Mrs. Pinner	2 0 0	Mrs. Ashford	0 3 8
Mrs. Jones	0 2 6	Mrs. Warren	0 3 9
Mrs. Hopkins	0 0 6	Per Miss Fraser Smith—	
Per Mrs. F. W. Coope—		Collected in envelopes	10 7
Profit on "V. f. W."	0 2 0	Sale of toffee	0 1 6
Jumble Sale	12 7 7	Per Mrs. E. Wylie—	
Per Miss A. Kenney—		Collected—House-to-	
Miss L. Smith	0 1 0	house	16 6 10
Per Miss Key Jones—		Entertainment	6 10 2
Mrs. Angus	0 2 6	Brio-a-brac tea	12 7 2
Sale of Ribben	0 0 6	Anon.	0 1 0
Per Mrs. Moseley—		Collecting Cards	
Sale of Sweets and		Mrs. Charles Cole	0 4 6
Marmalade	0 5 5	Miss Lucia Fowler	2 7 0
Sale of Needlework	0 3 5	Miss Janet A. Fisher	0 17 0
Col. Bathway	1 1 0	A Sympathiser	0 6 6
Mrs. Bathway	1 1 0	Anon. 5888	0 1 0
J. W. Jendwine, Esq.	0 5 0	Miss M. A. Hopper	1 9 0
Profit on Library	0 2 11	Miss Florence Brown	0 13 0
Per Mrs. A. Pankhurst—		Miss E. F. Blake	0 14 9
Miss Jones	0 1 8	Miss F. H. Barlow	1 6 8
Miss Baker	0 10 0	Miss Marion Gibson	0 6 0
Miss Dymon	1 0 0	Mrs. D. Beavell Held	0 16 0
Miss Dixon	0 5 0	Miss J. P. Bogg	1 7 6
"A. C."	0 6 8	Mrs. Mary Gwyther	0 15 6
Anon.	0 3 0	Mrs. M. H. Dickie	0 10 0
Miss Goodison	0 4 0	Mrs. Ada Blower	0 3 0
Miss Healey	0 2 8	Mrs. Henry Bury	2 0 0
Miss Denton	1 10 0	Misses Cross and Allen	0 8 0
Miss Andrew	0 10 0	Miss H. M. Hale	0 12 0
Miss Gulland	0 1 6	Miss K. Abraham	0 8 5
Miss Babro	0 5 0	Miss Beatrice Politt	0 6 8
Miss Fielding	0 13 0	Mrs. Hunt	0 5 6
Councillor Ascough	0 2 6	Miss Cozens	0 6 3
Miss Clarke	0 10 0	Miss E. K. Fordyce	0 1 6
Mrs. R. Smith	0 5 0	Mrs. Henrietta Rowe	0 8 6
The Misses Middleton	0 10 0	Miss O. M. Mackay	0 9 6
Sympathiser	0 2 6	Mrs. A. Morison	0 10 0
Miss Schuster	0 5 0	Mrs. and Miss Savile	1 11 0
Miss Wigney	0 5 0	Parler	0 8 8
Miss M. Simpson	0 2 6	Miss M. K. Taylor	0 2 8
Profit on Tea	0 7 6	Miss R. M. Howland	0 15 0
Per Mrs. M. Phillips—		Mrs. and Miss Myers	3 0 0
Profit on Meals	0 1 6	Miss B. M. Middleton	1 10 0
Halifax meeting (per		Miss L. S. Middleton	0 12 6
Dr. Helena Jones)		Miss Gertrude Vaughan	0 5 0
Collection	3 8 0	Miss B. B. Saxton	1 0 0
Tickets	13 17 2	Miss Florence White	0 3 0
Per Miss Fraser Smith—		Miss B. C. Pepper	0 10 0
Blairgowrie meeting	2 10 6	Miss G. A. Roberts	0 10 0
Rev. R. Kemp	0 5 0	Mrs. N. H. Thomas	3 10 0
Cake and Candy sale	0 8 7	Miss Elsie Weir	0 12 0
Extra on "V. f. W."	0 0 5	Miss G. A. Lees	0 10 0
Per Miss Wylie—		Mrs. S. H. Milne	0 5 0
Mrs. Gibbs (Sale of		Miss M. McIlvride	0 6 0
Sweets)	0 15 0	Miss C. A. Mills	0 2 6
Messrs. Henderson	0 10 0	Mrs. C. Mackay	0 12 6
Mrs. Henderson	1 1 0	Miss J. C. Wright	0 3 6
Nurse Gow	0 7 6	Miss F. A. Wilkinson	0 5 0
Anon.	0 10 0	Miss Harriet Pascoli	0 15 0
Mrs. Hunter	0 1 0	Mrs. E. C. Parker	0 13 0
Miss Fisher	0 5 0	Miss C. E. A. Sped	1 0 0
Miss Allan	3 12 0	Miss M. V. Stewart	0 4 0
"A. Bet"	0 1 0	Miss A. Y. Stewart	0 8 8
Profit on Literature	2 11 6	Mrs. Lyons	0 13 0
Census Fines.		Mrs. H. B. Watson	0 2 6
A. Reister (per Mrs.		Mrs. Hilda Rowbottom	0 5 0
Spong-Beedham	0 13 0	Miss Rom Leo	2 2 0
Miss A. Cousins	0 2 0	Mrs. M. H. Mayne	0 10 0
Mrs. B. J. Bostall	0 5 0	Miss M. E. Lander	0 6 3
Mrs. J. Mole	5 0 0	Mrs. Page	0 3 6
Per Miss L. Burns—		Mrs. Martha Leyland	0 1 8
Anon.	0 1 0	Miss D. Moffat	0 8 9
Anon.	0 3 0	Miss Margaret Morrison	0 3 6
Anon.	0 0 9	Miss B. W. Seward	0 5 0
Miss Arnott	0 10 0	Miss Ellen Simpson	0 6 0
Miss Harper	0 0 6	Miss M. Ross	0 6 6
Miss L. Burns, B. A.	0 10 0	Misses M. & S. Balchin	1 4 0
Per Miss Key Jones—		Mrs. M. Parish	0 6 0
Census Collection	1 0 0	Miss M. F. Johns	0 7 2
Self-Denial.		Mrs. B. Cairns	1 9 6
Mrs. Penn Gaskell	2 2 0	Per Mrs. L. Ainsworth—	
Miss J. M. Jordan	0 2 6	Mrs. Muir	0 11 6
Miss Christie Kirk	0 2 6	Mrs. Warren	0 10 0
Miss Nellie Kirk	0 2 6	Mrs. Robinson	0 2 9
Miss M. M. Hawkins	0 5 0	Miss Wakeling	0 0 6
A Friend (per Mrs.		Mrs. Lismore	0 2 7
Simon)	0 0 6	Per Mrs. R. Barrett—	
Mrs. A. Packer	0 2 6	Griffithstown and	
Miss Edith Wilson	1 0 0	District Members	
Miss M. K. Taylor	1 0 0	Miss Rachel Barrett	0 8 0
Miss I. Rose	0 5 0	Miss B. M. Coburn	0 12 6
Miss A. Y. Murray	0 2 6	Mrs. Wright	0 12 0
Mrs. A. P. Simon	0 10 0	Miss I. Watts	0 3 7
Miss Elaine Limousin	0 1 0	Per Mrs. D. Egan—	
Miss Louie Watkins		Miss A. B. Dawson	1 7 6
(Rummage Sale)	4 4 6	Miss Helen Dawson	0 12 6
Miss K. Raleigh (do.)	0 3 0	Miss L. C. Barr	0 9 0
Miss A. L. Walter	0 5 0	Per Mrs. A. Kenney—	
Miss Alice Owen	0 2 0	Miss L. Newman	0 3 6
Dr. Christine Marshall	10 0 0	Miss E. M. Staniland	1 7 8
Mrs. M. G. Yaldwyn	2 2 0	Miss Kate Staniland	0 11 0
Miss F. E. Marquardt	1 0 0	Miss Jessie Smith	2 18 6
Miss Emmie Norman	0 5 0	Mrs. C. Morris	1 6 9
Miss A. G. Matthews	0 5 0	Mrs. J. Davies Smith	1 1 9
Miss J. Reed	0 10 0	Miss G. M. Stewart	1 3 6
Miss Rose Thomson	0 2 6	Miss G. S. Platnauer	0 6 4
Mrs. W. Redgrave	0 2 0	Mrs. B. T. Paul	0 10 0
Miss F. S. Woolf	0 10 0	Miss B. C. Vining	0 16 6
Miss Meta Tildon	0 10 0	Mrs. Beatrice Tubbett	3 18 6
Henry Stedall, Esq.	5 5 0	The Walters Family	1 11 2
Per Mrs. K. Barrett—		Miss G. R. Webber	0 2 2
Miss B. Deacon	0 2 6	Mrs. F. W. Locke	0 7 0
Miss Butler	5 0 0	Miss Alice Rosewell	0 3 0
Miss Rachel Barrett	1 0 0	Miss W. B. Midway	0 2 6
Per Miss L. Burns—		Mrs. W. Mason	0 2 6
Miss Grieve (coll.)	1 11 6	Per Mrs. A. Pankhurst—	
Miss Austin	0 18 0	Miss V. Key Jones	0 2 6
Mrs. MacLeod Hason	0 1 0	Mrs. H. A. Archdale	0 18 5
Per Mrs. A. Kenney—		Per Mrs. Sunday Newby—	
Mrs. Muchamp	0 10 0	Mrs. Dorrell	0 5 0
Miss Muchamp	0 2 6	Mrs. du Sautoy Newby	0 19 0
Mrs. Ramsey	0 2 6	Per Mrs. B. Wylie—	
Mrs. O. Morris	1 0 0	Miss Plisbill	1 14 6
Mrs. Tonge	0 2 6	Mrs. Duncan	0 4 8
Mrs. M. Startup	0 4 0	Miss S. A. B. Fisher	1 0 0
Miss Vera Story	0 2 6	Miss K. M. Curran	0 16 0
Mrs. Woodward	0 10 0	Collection, etc.	
Mrs. Young	0 10 0	Per Miss L. Ainsworth	4 17 8
The Misses Froehman	10 0 0	Miss K. Barrett	1 1 5
Miss Palmer	0 1 0	Miss L. Burns	5 16 6
Mrs. Pethick	1 1 0	Mrs. F. W. Coope	0 3 9
Miss Pethick	2 0 0	Miss Key Jones	23 11 3
Mrs. Wilson	0 11 2	Miss A. Kenney	10 12 6
Mrs. Westcombe	0 7 2	Mrs. Mabel	1 10 1
Miss Platnauer	0 1 10	Miss A. Pankhurst	5 1 3
Miss F. L. Smith	0 4 0	Miss M. Phillips	2 1 6
Miss R. Stacey	0 1 6	Miss Fraser Smith	0 2 3
Mrs. Parry	0 1 0	Miss B. Wylie	7 17 0
Mrs. Tweed	0 10 0	Total	£25,979 6 1

Cheques should be made out to Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and crossed "Barclay and Co."

NOTE.—The sum "Anon., 1148, 21 10 0," in item of May 12, should have read "Mrs. Kathleen Spence."

MR. H. N. BRAILSFORD ON THE SECOND READING MAJORITY.

The Report of a Speech at the Public Dinner of Welcome to the Lord Mayor of Dublin, at the Connaught Rooms, London, on May 12, 1911.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—I feel that you have done me the greatest honour that it was in your power to confer on any man or woman in this room by choosing me to propose the toast of the cause in which we are united. We who are vowed to that cause meet to-night on a unique occasion. I have never before had the honour of proposing the toast of the cause of Votes for Women. I accepted the honour because I knew that the chance would never come again. A cause is an unaccomplished thing: a cause is a struggling thing: a cause is something which has not yet arrived. We are still fighting for our cause, but I know that when next we meet we shall be celebrating the wingless victory, and treading on the sure ground of an accomplished fact. I have not the honour to be a countryman of my Lord Mayor, and I am, therefore, free from the temptation to desire that Irish women should precede their sisters in the granting of this great reform. In this cause, at least, if in no other, I confess myself a Unionist. I think I may speak for the Conciliation Committee. It is determined to secure this reform for all the women of these islands, and to bring emancipation in the same hour to the women of England and to their sisters of Ireland. Ladies and gentlemen, we have behind us a mandate to hope. We have behind us that enormous and unprecedented majority. What did it mean? Was it sincere? We are prepared to assume that those who voted for our Bill were all of them honourable men. This at least may be said of them. They are honourable men in and for the purpose of the Division Lobby.

"A Fortunate Augury."

The debate of last week was a Republican occasion. The heads and leaders and dictators of the House of Commons were absent from their benches. They left it to the rank and file, to the representatives of the constituencies, to speak their mind upon the Bill. The result was all that could have been desired. It was more than most of us had dared to expect, and I think I may tell you, without unduly divulging mysteries or unduly anticipating events, that we shall find in our Conciliation Committee some method of proceeding which will keep up that admirable tradition, some plan which will allow the Members of the House of Commons to say at the further crises and stages of our measure whether they desire it to proceed, whether they were in earnest with their votes, whether they meant what they said when they shouted with one accord, "Aye!" I am not nervous about the result. And that is not because I am naturally of a sanguine disposition. I think, in point of fact, that the only service I may have been able to render to this cause came from a certain cynicism of disposition which taught me to see that while you were talking about your emancipation, the only thing that concerned the House of Commons was not your freedom, not your elevation, not the future of the human race, but simply and solely their own constituencies, their own fortunes, their own party calculations. I draw a fortunate augury from this reading of their minds. When such a majority as ours is given in public, given name by name in the division lobbies on the Second Reading of a Bill, you will find when it comes to the final stages that the majority will not be diminished, but rather that the majority will be increased. I meet women who ask me anxiously, "So-and-so promised to vote for the Second Reading; what about the Third Reading?" "The House has given this enormous majority for the Second Reading, but what about the final decision?" Ladies and gentlemen, I feel no anxiety about the final decision. When the final decision comes you will have become all but voters. What was given to unenfranchised women to-day will be given in more abundant measure to women who are all but standing at the ballot box. I think you will find that you who are suitors to-day, you who are standing at the doors of the House of Commons demanding your freedom, will have changed your position in the minds of the House between the Second Reading and the Third. Every Member understands to-day that your early enfranchisement is assured. He will take care that he does not offend a woman who may vote to-morrow. You will have become to every man who casts his vote in the division lobby the future destiny, the determining factor in his own fortunes and in the future of his party.

"We Know..."

The honour has fallen to me of proposing the toast of "Votes for Women," but I am not going to identify that toast with the Bill before the House of Commons. It is a compromise. It has the greyness and inadequacy of every compromise. I listened throughout the debate of last week to the discussions on the political status of women, and as it went on I asked myself whether you and I and all of us had not been perpetrating a sort of practical joke. We have dreamed our dreams while we have talked about something so relatively small as this matter of Parliamentary voting, so modest in this Conciliation Bill. But I question if the men on whose decision your fortunes rest fully realise that what is at stake is anything

larger than their own future and the fortunes of their party. I do not think it has yet dawned upon them that what is really at issue is nothing less than a revolution in European civilisation. It will be achieved half consciously amid the pettiness of partisan debates. But we at least know what it means. We know what it means for the cause of the poor and the sweated, for the widows and the women of the slums. But above all we know that it means a transformation in the mind and spirit of every human soul which comes into the world a woman. It means the removal from every growing mind and every developing spirit of the shackles which would otherwise have bound her brain, fettered her limbs, and checked her development in the years that lie behind us. It is a mental emancipation and a moral awakening that lie at the root of this great cause of ours.

THE DEPUTATION.

In spite of the general feeling of hope and confidence which prevails in the Union as to the prospects of the Bill, a large number of members have during the past few days expressed their intention of joining any deputation which may be necessary. Here follow some typical extracts from letters received from volunteers:—

My reason for joining the deputation is that I am deeply convinced that it is the duty of every woman who is able, and who, like myself, is awake to the meaning of the great campaign, to rise up in just and righteous indignation, and make open and practical protest against another insulting trifling with the women's question.

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I am a Welsh member, and would like to join the deputation, to let Mr. Asquith see that Welsh women are up and alive to the necessity of the Vote.

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I feel that if Mr. Asquith does refuse facilities I must make my protest and join you in a deputation. I have not done so hitherto because I have a profession. I am entirely dependent upon it; also I am far from strong, and very small. But my indignation would be so great that I feel even one's life must be given if necessary.

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I should like to put my name down for the next Deputation should one be necessary. I have wanted to do so for a long time, but had no one I could leave to look after my business. Another W.S.P.U. member, who is not strong enough to go herself, has very kindly offered to take charge of my shop so that I can go.

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I regret that I am only a new member of the W.S.P.U., but the weeks and months have made me very proud to belong to a Union which has so nobly and bravely demonstrated the fact that patience (as shown by the workers for Woman's Suffrage for forty years) ceases to be a virtue when it is exercised in the face of such long-denied injustice and oppression.

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I now feel that nothing must keep me from going if necessary. I know that the feeling of unrest, which I have experienced in consequence of not having sent in my name before, would be always with me, if I shirked my small share in this great fight, and the cry of the wronged mothers of England would for ever ring in my ears.

All those whose names have not as yet been added to the deputation list are urged to write without delay to Clements Inn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Albert Hall, June 17.

As all the boxes, amphitheatre stalls, arena, upper orchestra, and balcony tickets are now sold out, the only places now available are in the organ gallery and promenade gallery. Tickets admitting to these may be secured at 6d. each. Tickets for the Empress Rooms (five minutes' walk from the Albert Hall), which has been engaged for an overflow meeting, may be had, numbered and reserved, 2s. 6d., and are on sale to the public. This meeting will be addressed by Miss Christabel Pankhurst, Miss Vida Goldstein and Mr. Pethick Lawrence. Members and friends are urged to make early application to Miss Cooke, Ticket Secretary, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn. A number of stewards are wanted for both these meetings. Members only are eligible, and they should send in their names at once to Miss Hambling, W.S.P.U., 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C. Miss Hambling also wishes to remind Marshals and Captains that if they wish to be present at the Albert Hall meeting they must secure their tickets beforehand, as it has not been possible to reserve any seats for them.

London Free Meetings.

At the London Pavilion, Piccadilly Circus, on Monday next, May 22, at 3 p.m., members and visitors will have the opportunity of hearing Sir John Rolleston, M.P., Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., and Miss Vida Goldstein. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence and Mrs. Mansell Moullin will address the Steinway Hall meeting on Thursday evening, May 25, at 8 p.m. On the following Monday, May 29, the Queen's Hall is again available.

Mrs. Pankhurst's Tour in Wales.

The organiser for Wales has already received several communications from members who will be in Wales during the last week in July and the first week in August. Mrs. Pankhurst will visit Rhyl, Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Aberystwyth, Llandrindod Wells, and Tenby, and possibly other places. This tour must be a very great success from every point of view, and offers of help of any kind from members who will be in the neighbourhood of these places at the time of the meetings will be gratefully received by the Welsh organiser, Miss Rachel Barrett, B.Sc., at 46, Clarence Place, Newport, Mon. Offers of hospitality for Mrs. Pankhurst and for the organiser are also invited.

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AT THE BAR OF THE HOUSE.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin Presents a Petition for Woman Suffrage.

On Friday last the Lord Mayor of Dublin presented at the Bar of the House of Commons a petition for the granting of the franchise to women. This simple act, which occupied but a few minutes, is a symbol of the great weight of public opinion behind the demand for the passage of the Conciliation Bill, as expressed in the resolutions passed by a very large number of City and other Councils. The resolution asking the Prime Minister to grant facilities was passed by the Dublin Corporation last October, by an enormous majority. It is also a symbol of the devotion and influence of the women who are fighting for their liberty. Behind it is a history of patient endeavour, beginning, of course, with the earliest work of the Suffrage pioneers, and culminating in the indefatigable efforts of the Irish Women's Franchise League. The Corporation of Dublin is the only body, besides the Corporation of London, which may, by an old traditional right, bring a petition to the House of Commons. Acting on this knowledge, the members of the Irish Women's Franchise League, with the aid of women municipal voters, requested the Corporation of Dublin to discuss a motion in favour of presenting such a petition. This was carried by twenty-two votes to nine, and as a result Dublin may claim the honour of yet one more step forward in the women's Movement; while the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Alderman Farrell, with the Lady Mayoress (and their baby) have won the gratitude of all women for making a special visit to England in the woman's cause. English Suffragettes appreciated the chivalry and public spirit of the act, and gave them a rousing welcome when they arrived at Euston on Thursday night last. Mrs. Pankhurst and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence were at the station, accompanied by Miss Vida Goldstein, Miss Evelyn Sharp, Mr. and Mrs. Nevins, Mr. and Mrs. Brailsford, Mr. Laurence Housman, and representatives of the Men's Political Union, the Men's League for Women's Enfranchisement, and other Suffrage Societies and many other well-known friends of the cause, and the Saxon welcome was as cordial as even the most Celtic of Celts could desire. On Friday the petition was presented with the quaint formality of traditional procedure, which is so graphically described below by Mr. Nevins. The business of his visit over, the Lord Mayor was entertained at a dinner on Friday night, when politicians of all parties and Suffragists of every kind united in happy brotherhood to do honour to their guest. We give below a report of the proceedings.

"WHAT HAVE YOU THERE?"

By HENRY W. NEVINSON.

We had hardly recovered from the tremendous cheering with which we welcomed the Lord Mayor at midnight as the Irish mail steamed into Euston, and before mid-day we were down in Parliament Square to welcome him again as he went to the House. It was the busiest time of day, and the papers had kept up their usual sulky boycott, so that there was not much of a crowd. But as the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, and their official suite drove up in three carriages we did our best to show how much we honoured them for coming to support our cause, and the citizens of Dublin for sending them. One of the few occasions on which Dublin has exercised her right of being heard through her Lord Mayor at the Bar of the House was ninety-eight years ago, when he came, as representing a narrow-minded but dominant minority, to petition against giving Roman Catholics the vote. All the established powers of prejudice and malignity were on his side then. Now he came as the representative of a free-spirited majority to petition for the enfranchisement of a class more shamefully excluded from citizenship than even Roman Catholics were, and all the established powers of prejudice and malignity were against him. How fine was the difference, and how nobly Ireland has fought to bring it about!

The Scene.

In front of the Lord Mayor were borne the huge Irish Mace and the huge, double-handed Sword of State. The Sword was a most portentous weapon. Its bearer proudly assured me it had fought at the battle of the Boyne, and I could only say, "Rest the soul of him who wielded it, and of him it split in half!" The Lord Mayor himself wore the gold chain of office, and the long scarlet robe with deep fur collar. In his hand he carried a long white wand that an alderman told me signified government by love, just as the Mace signified government by force. I don't know why a wand should represent love, unless it was the good fairy's wand, come

to rid our bewitched old House of Commons from evil spells. But another of the retinue suggested that the wand was a relic of the old javelin that the kings of Dublin used to fling from the hill of Howth as far as they could into the sea, to show that so far the power of their influence extended. I wish Lord Mayor Farrell could fling it clean across St. George's Channel now.

The little procession remained in the outside Lobby, awaiting the Speaker's entrance into the House. At the stroke of twelve, the cry went up that the Speaker was coming, and with his procession of Mace and black-uniformed figures he passed through the inner Lobby from a side-door and was escorted up the floor of the House to his seat. The Lord Mayor then advanced to the door of the House itself, but it was locked against him during the five minutes of the prayers, so much needed for the guidance of our members that no strangers are permitted to share in them. Prayers over, the Serjeant-at-Arms, standing before the table of the House, informed the Speaker that the Lord Mayor of Dublin was waiting outside. "Admit him," said the Speaker, and seizing up the British Mace for his protection against the Irish Mace and the Sword of the Boyne, the Serjeant-at-Arms stalked down the floor. As a further precaution, two attendants were already drawing out thick brass rods from their hiding-place in the wooden rails two or three yards within the door—just above the thick black line marked upon the floor to cut off the sanctuary of our androcracy's wisdom from the common world of men and women. Hardly was this precaution completed by the meeting of the two rods in the middle, when the Lord Mayor, attended only by an alderman and the town clerk, was seen standing according to his ancient privilege, "at the Bar of the House." The Serjeant-at-Arms remained beside him with the British Mace shouldered and ready for all emergencies.

The Petition.

"What have you there, my Lord Mayor of Dublin?" demanded the Speaker, with well-acted curiosity and surprise.

"A petition from the right honourable the Lord Mayor, the aldermen, and burgesses of Dublin," replied the Lord Mayor, with decision.

"Let it be read," commanded the Speaker.

The town clerk, Mr. Henry Campbell, once himself a member of the House, and honoured in Ireland as Mr. Parnell's secretary, then read the petition in clear and earnest tones. The petitioners desired to express their earnest hope that the present disabilities under which the Parliamentary franchise is withheld from women might be removed by the Bill now before the House.

The full text of the petition appears below. I need only say that it dwelt upon the disabilities of women taxpayers, on the vast number of women now forced into competitive employment and as much concerned in legislation as men; on the success of the municipal franchise already granted to women; and on the legislation still required to meet their growing social and economic needs—legislation that could not be rightly directed so long as women's disabilities continued. The petitioners therefore prayed that the Bill to confer the Parliamentary franchise on women should be passed during the present session.

The End.

When the reading was finished, the Clerk-Assistant advanced from the table to the Bar and received the petition, enclosed in a brown cylinder. He handed it to the Speaker, and the Lord Mayor's party bowed themselves out amid the applause of the House. Honourable members then proceeded with their usual course of Friday's business. Among the private Bills before them I noticed that at least four had special reference to women and their interests, though women were not allowed a word upon the proposed legislation. I mean the Bills on sweated goods, cottage homes, prevention of immorality, and on illegitimacy and maternity. In five other Bills women's interests were also closely concerned, if not so directly.

I do not know how members of Parliament, who all pretend to believe in representation, have the impudence to impose legislation of this kind upon millions of people who remain unrepresented. But the impudence continues, and I had a typical instance of its cause and extent late that very night in the Tube. A highly respected Liberal legislator, with a pretty turn for philanthropy, was coming back from a Liberal dinner in a state of con-

siderable political exaltation. With fervid joy he described to me the noble sentiments he and his friends had heard from the Prime Minister and other leaders present. He told me how delightfully the songs of Harry Lauder and other music-hall favourites had intermingled with the enunciation of the finest Radical principles. But when I asked if he had seen the Lord Mayor of Dublin present his petition, "What Lord Mayor? What petition?" he answered. "The Petition for the Conciliation Bill, this morning?" I said. "My dear fellow," he replied, "I wish you would take interest in something serious—something—something—serious, don't you know?"

TEXT OF THE PETITION.

To the honourable the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in Parliament assembled. The humble petition of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, aldermen, and burgesses of Dublin under their common seal sheweth—

That your petitioners, being aware that a bill to confer the Parliamentary franchise on women is before your honourable House, desire to express their earnest hope that the present disabilities under which the Parliamentary franchise is withheld from women in the United Kingdom may be thereby removed.

That numbers of women taxpayers subject to such disabilities are resident in the city of Dublin and elsewhere in Ireland.

That vast numbers of women, owing to the completely changed conditions of modern life as compared with the former order of things, have been forced into the domain of competitive employment, and they are compelled to take their part in the struggle for life and are consequently as much concerned in the influencing of legislation as men.

That as the Legislature has already conceded the municipal franchise to women in the United Kingdom, the further concession to women of the Parliamentary franchise seems but an act of natural justice, whereby they may be enabled to bring about reforms affecting women as a class.

That the legislation heretofore enacted in the direct interest of women has only partly dealt with their grievances, and leaves much to be done to place them on a plane of social and economic equality with men.

That legislation intended to meet the growing social and economic needs of women cannot be framed so as to be useful or effective whilst women are debarred from exercising the Parliamentary franchise, and that by the removal of existing disabilities your honourable House would be enabled to ascertain the legislative needs of women better than under present conditions.

Your petitioners therefore pray that the bill to confer the Parliamentary franchise on women may be passed through your honourable House during the present session of Parliament, and your petitioners will ever pray, &c.

THE DINNER.

On Friday evening a large and distinguished company met at a public dinner at the Connaught Rooms to do honour to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Mrs. Pankhurst presided, and among those present were Mrs. Fawcett, Winifred Countess of Arran, Mrs. Fabian Ware, Miss Evelyn Sharp, Lady Constance Lytton, Mrs. Despard, Mr. and Mrs. Brailsford, Mr. and Mrs. Nevins, Lady Knaytt, Mrs. Massy, Sir Victor and Lady Horsley, Miss Vida Goldstein, Muriel Countess de la Warr, Lady Stout, Lady Meyer, Miss Garrett Anderson, M.D., Miss Philippa Fawcett, Miss Sackville West, The Lady Idina Sackville, Mr. and Mrs. Mansell-Moullin, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hentschell, Mr. Yoshio Markino, Mr. and Mrs. Greenhalgh, the Lady Nina Ogilvie-Grant, Sir Edward and Lady Busk, Sir George Gibb, the Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Mr. Sam Garrett, Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, Dr. and Mrs. Sweeting, Alderman McWalter, Mr. Walter McLaren, M.P., Mr. Hugh Law, M.P., Mr. Cecil Chapman, Mr. Victor Duval, Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, and Miss Christabel Pankhurst.

Mrs. Pankhurst.

The toasts of "The King" and "The Queen" having been duly honoured, Mrs. Pankhurst proposed the toast of "The Lord Mayor of Dublin." The women, she said, were proud and glad to welcome their guests to London for many reasons. First, as representing a great and ancient corporation, of which the Lord Mayor was the chief officer. Though the Corporation of Dublin was old in years it could not be said to be old in spirit, because it had not lost that freshness of mind which led it to see when the time was ripe to support great causes. Secondly, they welcomed him for himself. When she (Mrs. Pankhurst) was in Dublin a few weeks ago he told her that when he came to England to present the petition he would not be merely doing his duty as Lord Mayor, but showing his own great sympathy with the Woman Suffrage Movement. Lastly, they welcomed the Lord Mayor for the sake of the mission which he had so splendidly performed that day in the House of Commons. It was a wonderful coincidence that Mr. Alderman Farrell, holding the opinions that he did, should be Lord Mayor at a time when it was possible to give expression to

those opinions, and it was wonderful that he should be Lord Mayor of one of the only two corporations in the United Kingdom which had the power to go before the House of Commons with a petition. It was also a fortunate thing that the Lord Mayor was an Irishman. The Irishman who believed in Woman Suffrage came as near to being a perfect human being as it was possible for anyone to be! In drinking to the good health of the Lord Mayor she wished to couple with his name those of his colleagues who came over to London with him.

The Lord Mayor's Reply.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin said he desired on behalf of the Ancient City of Dublin to thank those present for the way in which they had welcomed him as their representative to pray that the British Parliament should consider the Bill now before the House. The thanks of the women were really due to his 80 colleagues who had appointed him to present the petition. The resolution contained in it had been passed some time ago by the members of the Dublin Corporation with an enormous majority. As Lord Mayor of Dublin it afforded him the very greatest pleasure to come over to England in the cause of Woman Suffrage. There was nothing in Ireland, he proceeded, but the most heartfelt desire amongst the people, rich and poor, to be on friendly terms with the people of England and Scotland and Wales. It was the positive duty of all Irishmen—especially those who had been bragging about liberty—to fight for the liberty of those nearest and dearest to them. The Irishman who said he respected his mother, his sister, his wife or his daughter, was not an honourable man if he were not prepared to give even life itself if necessary to emancipate women. This was the seventh time that a Woman Suffrage Bill had been read a second time in the House of Commons. Members had either been serious or they had been humbugging. He thought that the Mother of Parliaments ought to have more respect for its ancient traditions than to go on year after year wasting the time of the House and the country in an effort to befool their mothers, their wives, their sisters, and their children. He appealed to the great men in Parliament to show that they were not prepared to reduce the Mother of Parliaments—the greatest landmark in the history of the world so far as the liberty of the subject was concerned—to the position of a serio-comic Assembly, existing only for the purpose of deceiving those who elected it. A cause which he had very much at heart, he continued, was that of securing for Ireland the government of her own local affairs—subject, of course, to Imperial authority; but if Ireland did not, at the same time as it got Home Rule, secure liberty for women, the fight would only be half won and the victory hardly worth the taking. He hoped that before 1912 the women of Great Britain would have equal political rights with men. In conferring this the men of the country would not be granting a privilege but simply giving a right.

Mr. Hugh Law, M.P.

Mr. Hugh Law, M.P., in proposing the toast of the "Lady Mayoress," said that the Woman Suffrage Movement had shown to the world in the most magnificent fashion that women were capable of absolute comradeship, mutual trust, and sympathy. He thought there was nothing more splendid in the history of the last few years than the way in which women had stood by one another in their fight for freedom. The presence of the Lady Mayoress showed that she was one in the great solidarity of women. As a native of Dublin he was proud to think that a Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of that city had associated for ever the name of the capital of Ireland with the great cause of the freedom and advancement of women. He most sincerely hoped that time would be found to proceed with the Bill. It was intolerable that the House of Commons should go on session after session passing Woman Suffrage Bills by great majorities, and then washing their hands of all concern with the matter, and it was intolerable that the Government should endeavour to force them to jettison all the Government proposals (by overthrowing the Government) as the only alternative to refusing to jettison Woman Suffrage.

Alderman McWalter.

Alderman McWalter, replying on behalf of the Lady Mayoress, said that she would go down to history as the first Lady Mayoress to travel four hundred miles for the cause of Woman Suffrage with a baby of three months old. He was sure that there must be some future in front of that infant, who had come over to London to help with his presence, as far as he might, with his mother and father, this very great cause. The Lady Mayoress, he said, was a very ardent though quiet Suffragist. He thought it would be a very good thing for the cause of Home Rule if the Conciliation Bill were carried into law. It would be one of those guarantees which Mr. Redmond had so often promised, a guarantee that an educated section of the community would see that fair play and right was done in the land. It was simply some little thing on account. He could not help thinking of the opening words of the great Magna Charta: "To no man deny justice; to no man delay justice; to no man sell justice." That principle still held good after all these hundreds of years, and he would say, since the term man necessarily included woman: "To no woman deny justice; to no woman delay justice; to no woman sell justice." To deny justice was to forbid women to take any part in making the laws they had to obey. The Government of this country consisted of the King, Lords and Commons. Surely women were the Commons as well as men. Government was carried on with the consent of the governed, and if the governed refused their consent to any form of Government that Government ceased to be constitutional. There was one maxim that ought not to be forgotten, that equity is equality, and nothing less than equality is equity. He was convinced that this equality ought to be given to women.

Mrs. Fawcett, LL.D.

Mrs. Fawcett, who proposed the toast of the Conciliation Committee, said that there was no body of men who had done more for the Woman Suffrage movement than that Committee, and she wished especially to mention the name of the hon. secretary, Mr. Brailsford. The efforts of the Committee had been largely instrumental in bringing the question in the House of Commons

to the position which they were so proud to see it occupying to-day. The Bill before Parliament, though some people professed to find it difficult to understand, was a very simple measure. It merely aimed at removing the disability of sex and carrying out the principle of household suffrage. Mr. Asquith might find great difficulty in really upholding that principle as it had only been in force some forty or fifty years. But, as they all knew, there were things which were hidden from the wise and prudent and revealed to babes. Women suffragists were all babes in this matter, as they perfectly understood that if Household Suffrage were to be made a reality, all households whether governed by men or by women would have to be represented.

Mr. Walter McLaren, M.P.

Mr. Walter McLaren, M.P., who replied, said that as a member of the Conciliation Committee he was proud to have the opportunity of showing his devotion to the cause. One of his earliest political actions had been to obtain signatures for the Women's Suffrage petition presented to the House of Commons 44 years ago by John Stuart Mill. He sincerely hoped that the further stages of the Bill. The Prime Minister had given a pledge of effective facilities during this Parliament. The only session in which effective facilities could be given was this session, because next session and the session after that there might possibly be no time. He was convinced that the Prime Minister was sincere when he gave his pledge, and he had every confidence that that promise would be carried out.

Mr. Brailsford proposed the toast of the cause: "Votes for Women." His speech is given in full on page 543.

Mrs. Despard.

Mrs. Despard said the cause in which they were all met together was a very great thing. It was going to change the face of the world. A previous speaker had spoken of the solidarity of women. Women's emancipation meant not only the solidarity of women but the solidarity and uplifting of humanity. The enfranchisement of women, for which they were all working, was bound to come, not in the dim and distant future, but at once. Then, the barrier of political disability having been thrown down, women would go forward into that greater, wider and better life that awaited them.

AT EUSTON STATION.

"Begor! and they're Irish!" said a bus driver, as he passed a number of women carrying harps of Erin on a background of green, on their way to Euston Station, last Thursday night. "Good old Ireland," greeted them all along the way, and "shure, good old Ireland" found an echo in the hearts of the women themselves. For were they not on their way to meet the man, who, as Lord Mayor of Ireland's capital, represented the will of the City in presenting a petition in favour of the Women's Bill, at the Bar of the House of Commons? English and Irish women were all united in meeting to give Dublin's Lord Mayor a "Cead Mille Failte." The Lord Mayor expressed himself as particularly pleased, as well as amazed, that banners with the words "Welcome to Dublin's Lord Mayor" had been so quickly prepared for the occasion, the visit having taken place at extremely short notice. He was also exceedingly pleased with the green flags representing the Irish harps. A squad of police was in attendance, but their services were entirely unnecessary, as a large escort composed of several hundreds of Suffragettes formed a double line down the platform, between which the Lord Mayor and his party walked—a veritable triumphal march to the accompaniment of ringing cheers. On leaving Dublin the party had been seen off and enthusiastically cheered by members of the Irish Women's Franchise League, including Mrs. Earl, Mrs. Cousins (hon. treasurer), Miss Webb, Miss Tatlow, Miss Stephenson, Mrs. Hoskin, Mrs. Sheehy-Skeffington.

THE LORD MAYOR AT THE LONDON PAVILION.

The Monday afternoon meeting at the Pavilion Theatre was full of delightful surprises. The audience came to hear—as the speaker of the afternoon—Miss Nina Boyle, President of the Women's Enfranchisement League of South Africa, who had been duly announced in the columns of *VOTES FOR WOMEN*. But they not only had the pleasure of hearing a most able speech from Miss Boyle, but were enabled also to take part in a very interesting ceremony, to enjoy a charming, witty and most inspiring speech from the Lord Mayor of Dublin, and to listen to the strong and searching words of Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., representative of the Labour Party, who had made one of the best speeches in the House of Commons in support of the Conciliation Bill. Mrs. Pethick Lawrence was in the chair, and in briefest possible words she referred to the coming of the Lord Mayor of Dublin in order to present, on behalf of the City Corporation of Dublin, the petition to Parliament urging for facilities for the Conciliation Bill. Owing to the fact that but a few hours' notice of the appointed day for the presentation of the petition had been given, many friends of the Union had not been able to take part in the great welcome given at Euston Station at midnight on Thursday, and had also been precluded from taking part in the public dinner, and, therefore, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress had yielded to the entreaty that they would stay over the week-end in order to be present in the Pavilion on Monday afternoon. A silver cup was to be presented to their little son of three months old, who had taken a journey of 400 miles in order to do his part in furthering the cause. Little Peter, in his mother's arms, chuckled and cried, and seemed thoroughly to enjoy the situation. Subsequently he applauded vigorously certain points in his father's speech.

Presentation to Peter Farrell.

Mrs. Pankhurst, who performed the ceremony, said that the touch of Nature which makes the whole world akin was certainly not lacking in the Women's Suffrage movement. The presence on the platform of the son of the Lady Mayoress was a reminder, if any such reminder were needed, that the work of Women Suffragists was to make things better for those who came after. She had great pleasure in presenting Master Peter Farrell, on behalf of the Women's Social and Political Union, with a cup as a memento of his visit here in the cause of Women's Enfranchisement.

The Lord Mayor received a great ovation as he rose to reply for his son. In expressing his thanks for the welcome they had received, the Lord Mayor said that he and the Lady Mayoress were simply emissaries of the Corporation of Dublin, which had appointed him to convey to the

House of Commons a resolution in favour of the Conciliation Bill, which they themselves had passed unanimously. The leaders of the Government and the Opposition alike seemed to dodge round a corner when they were asked questions concerning the Conciliation Bill. They disappeared; they vanished. It was not a sufficient answer to the women's great demand for the leaders of the political parties to become blind and deaf at convenient times or to find that they had not time to attend the House of Commons in order to deal with the nation's business. It was not enough for politicians to gather their friends round them in their consulting rooms and say, "We don't want to say we won't give them votes; we don't want to give them votes, therefore we will say we have no time to give the matter final consideration." At one time (the Lord Mayor continued), because he had leaned rather more to one political party than another, he had disapproved of some of the tactics of the Women's Social and Political Union, but now that he clearly understood the position, and now that he knew how their question had been played with, he had come to the conclusion that it was necessary to take drastic and strong steps. For his part, he was quite prepared to take a firm stand.

Miss Nina Boyle, the President of the Women's Enfranchisement League of South Africa, said that to belong to the Women's Suffrage movement was to belong to the best club in the world. She came from a country where women had helped to pile up a great structure of civilisation in what used to be a savage and a desert land. The women of South Africa not only claimed rights which had not yet been granted, but they also claimed rights which had been taken away. The Union of South Africa had taken away from the women of that Colony many Constitutional rights, which, without the vote, they were powerless to regain. She supported the principle which politicians were supposed to reverence, that taxation and representation should go together. In order that this principle might be vindicated in the case of men, a war had been fought twelve years ago in South Africa. In that war 25,000 men were killed, and £250,000,000 were spent. Women had had to pay their share of the price, and they were paying it still. In South Africa an active campaign was being carried on for the vote. When Lord Gladstone had arrived as Governor-General in that country, the Women's Enfranchisement League had presented him with an address of welcome, saying that they congratulated him on his choice of a Premier (General Botha) as a suffragist, and Mr. Merriman an anti, and expressing the hope that he would provide for the true representation of the people by enfranchising the white women of South Africa.

"Every possible Means of Pressure."

Mr. George Lansbury, M.P., spoke as the friend and champion of working women, and the audience was profoundly touched by his presentment of their case. During the last few years, he said, men had learned something of the spirit which lay behind the movement. Political disability of sex meant social disability, and that social disability was the cause of the deplorable position in which women found themselves at the present time. Women were considered to be of less value than men. That was the root of the matter, and the problem would never be solved until it was approached from the point of view of equal values. Women were of as much value to the community as men, and the enactment of Woman Suffrage would do much towards getting that principle established. With regard to the Bill now before Parliament, he said the fact that only 88 men could be found to come down to the House and vote against the measure on its Second Reading showed that the country was in favour of Woman Suffrage. Members of Parliament did not vote for measures which their constituents disapproved of; they were much too susceptible to pressure. Women were now asking for facilities for the further stages of their Bill, and they had a real claim on the time of the House. The argument that there was a lot of business to be done was in a way true, because the business of the House of Commons was carried on in such a cumbersome fashion. If women were to do their housekeeping on the lines as Parliamentary business they would not get through it from one year's end to the other. When people said that the time of the House of Commons was so fully occupied that to attend to the Women's Bill was impossible it meant that Parliament must rise early in August in order that its members might go and shoot birds or do something equally useful. Facilities ought to be given, and they could be given. There was no reason at all why Parliament should not go on for another month or two months, if necessary. If members wanted to get the Bill through they could do so. The people who had most power in this direction were the Liberal members. They were the people whom the Government most feared, because it was on them that they depended most for their majority. He advised women to bring every possible means of pressure in their power upon members of the Liberal Party to make them insist on the pledge for effective facilities being fulfilled.

ANNIE WOOLMORE.

The sufferings of Annie Woolmore have not been in vain, for not only has she found kind friends to help her, but her case has roused enormous interest and exposed to many people the injustice of the law, which Suffragettes know only too well. Annie Woolmore, it will be remembered, after being sent to prison for neglect of her children, was released through the intercession of a W.S.P.U. member, Mrs. Wyatt, who is now looking after the family, and has, with great difficulty, found a cottage for them. Mrs. Wyatt has also put before the *Ongar Guardian* a new and salutary point of view. Hearing that they intended to force the husband to pay £2 for the maintenance of his children in the workhouse, she wrote pointing out that such a course would undo all the good that had been done, and having elicited from the guardians the opinion that the husband was responsible for the condition of the children, she asked: "Is that the reason why his wife was sent to prison? Your letter furnishes an excellent proof of the injustice to women in such cases." We are glad to say that the £2 has kindly been paid to the guardians by a Labour member.

Annie Woolmore, says Mrs. Wyatt, is deeply attached to her children. Her first question on leaving prison was about them, and she spoke

with feeling of the magistrate's action in taking the baby from her arms.

"Before I saw Annie Woolmore," writes Mrs. Wyatt, "I thought her sentence horribly unjust, but after I knew her and had studied her qualities and the limitations which Nature had imposed upon her, I felt a burning indignation at the callous wickedness of her imprisonment, and a deeper belief than ever that our fight for the vote must go on, coupled with a feeling of humiliation that I am one of those 'who only stand and wait,' and a determination that at any rate, in season and out of season, I shall preach the woman's point of view, in the hope that my words may reach the ears of some of those who have ears to hear."

CABINET MINISTERS REMINDED.

Possibly Mr. Lloyd George was not aware that a large and enthusiastic Suffragist meeting was being held on Monday evening at the Carlton Hall to welcome back the nephew of the Postmaster-General after his term of imprisonment for the women's cause. The Chancellor, therefore, walked quite unconcernedly through Parliament Square, and was immensely surprised when he was pounced upon by a well-known Suffragette, who seized his arm, saying, "Mr. Lloyd George, see to it that the Conciliation Committee gets fair play for the Bill!" She was, of course, immediately surrounded by a crowd of police and others. But her W.S.P.U. badge apparently acted as a talisman, and she was allowed to depart without molestation.

Another Cabinet Minister who has had a reminder of the urgency of Woman Suffrage during the past few days is Lord Haldane. Speaking last Saturday afternoon at a new Drill Hall at Ipswich, Lord Haldane announced that he had just received a communication from a lady, who assured him that the voluntary aid or nursing detachment was likely to suffer through the delay in granting the franchise to women. Well, he hoped the Bill would pass quickly, and that the voluntary aid detachment would not be unduly discouraged by the tardiness with which Parliament operated. "I hope," he added, "that Suffragists will look to enlistment in the ranks of this detachment, and that we may then have the energy, the great capacity—I speak from personal experience—and the organising power of the women. They are not only good in times of war, but they are splendid in times of peace." The lady from whom the communication came was a member of the W.S.P.U.

In these days there seems to be no escape for Cabinet Ministers on the earth or over it! At the Flying Meeting last Friday at Hendon Aerodrome, both Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill were tackled by a member of the M.P.U. who urged them to prevail upon the Prime Minister to grant facilities for the Women Suffrage Bill this Session.

At the first annual meeting of the Gladstone League, at Carlton Hall on Friday, May 12, Earl Beauchamp, First Commissioner of Works, in the chair, was questioned by a man in the audience!

YOU MAY WHISTLE FOR IT.

Miss Annie Kenney has been very successful in getting a letter into a large number of West of England papers, pointing out the necessity of giving votes to women this session if Mr. Asquith's pledge is to be fulfilled. Miss Kenney quotes some of the papers from which we gave extracts in last week's *VOTES FOR WOMEN*, viz., the *Daily News*, *Westminster Gazette*, and the *Manchester Guardian*, and adds: "The Editor of the *Manchester Guardian*, speaking at a Liberal meeting a few days ago, said: 'Unless you get Woman Suffrage through this session or next, you may whistle for it in this Parliament.'"

"OUR BILL."

"Fair Play for our Bill," says the poster of a well-known "Votes for Women" journal in Walcot Street. We don't know how William has been wronged, but it would appear that, in so far as forgetting their own grievances as to champion a "mere man," the Suffragettes have aimed a severe blow at the "antis" favourite argument of the "sex war."

—*Bath Chronicle*.

SEVEN DAYS FOR DOG TAX.

Miss Dorothy Evans, of the Birmingham W.S.P.U. organiser, who, it will be remembered, was sentenced on Wednesday, April 5, to a fine of 1s. and costs, or seven days' imprisonment, for refusing to pay her dog licence, was on Saturday last arrested and sent to Winsou Green Gaol for seven days. She will be released to-day (Friday).

NO VOTE, NO TAX.

On Monday, May 8, Miss Jessie Green, who is a Member of the New Constitutional Society for Woman's Suffrage, had a valuable diamond brooch sold which had been seized for the non-payment of Imperial Taxes. The auction room in Lisson Grove was well filled before two o'clock, the hour of sale, and banners and badges of the League were freely displayed there, whilst the large John Hampden banner was held in the street immediately in front of the premises. Mrs. Cobden Sanderson made a brief but eloquent speech as soon as Lot 61 was announced, and after the brooch was sold much cheering was indulged in before the ladies left the sale room to form up in procession and march to Hyde Park. A protest meeting was held, and a large crowd listened with interest and attention to speeches made by Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Mrs. Bewick Colby and Mrs. Kington Parkes. At six o'clock the same evening similar proceedings took place at Junction Road, Highgate, when a silver tray was sold, the property of Dr. Winifred Patch. In this case the auctioneer did not allow a speech, therefore the members of "The Women's Tax Resistance League," who had crowded into the front of the room, made a very determined protest there, amidst great cheering for Dr. Patch. A meeting was held outside presided over by Mrs. Cobden Sanderson and addressed by Mrs. Lilian Hoke, Miss Sarah Bennett, and Mrs. Bewick Colby, and the resolution was carried. It is felt at each sale of this kind that the public, having been given the opportunity, have fully realised and appreciated the reason why taxpaying women of this country are in revolt. Sales have also taken place of goods belonging to Dr. Hilsborough Wilks, Treasurer of the League, Miss Tait, ("John Ironside") who is a member of the Women's Writers' League and Miss M. Rodgers, a member of the W.S.P.U.

The Rev. Gertrude von Petzold, M.A., of Birmingham, will preach next Sunday morning at University Hall, Gordon Square, where that staunch friend of woman's suffrage, the Rev. John Pate Hoppe, ministered until his death.

CONCENTRATE ON THE VOTE.

A most enthusiastic welcome was given to Mr. Hugh Franklin last Monday night at the Carlton Hall, on his first public appearance after undergoing, in the cause of Women's Liberty, the ordeal of imprisonment and forcible feeding. Mr. D. Cameron-Swan presided, and read the following letters from Mr. G. A. Toulche, M.P., and Mr. Walter S. B. McLaren, M.P.:

Dear Sir,—Let me express my best wishes for the success of the Carlton Hall Meeting organised by the Men's Political Union in support of the Bill to confer the Parliamentary Franchise on women. Knowing what earnest women have done and suffered in endeavouring to secure the elementary rights of citizenship, I am glad to see that they are not being left to fight the battle alone. The proposed reform is an act of simple justice. Its continued refusal or avoidance is unconstitutional, unwise and unfair. The House of Commons has once more affirmed the principle of Women's Enfranchisement, but such affirmation will again prove but an empty form unless the Government fulfils its obligation of honour to give facilities. To pass the Second Reading repeatedly by large majorities, and do no more, will be interpreted to mean either:

- (1) That the House of Commons is trifling with the question; or
- (2) That a majority of the House of Commons is powerless to give effect to its wishes against the desire of the Government.

I believe the House to be in earnest. When great claims are being made for the supremacy of the Commons, the history of Woman Suffrage is a reminder that a non-party majority of the House of Commons is powerless against the domination of the Cabinet. The Government can easily give facilities this year if they are sincere about their pledge, but the friends of the cause must let it be seen that they will stand no trifling.

(Signed) GEORGE A. TOULCHE.

Dear Mr. Cameron-Swan,—I much regret that I cannot be at your meeting on Monday, as I have to be out of town till late that evening. I earnestly hope that the Liberal Party will now definitely take up Women's Suffrage, and pass it into law. It will be the greatest folly on the part of the Government if they do not give us facilities this Session for passing our Bill.

(Signed) WALTER S. B. McLAREN.

On rising to move the Resolution, Mr. Franklin was cheered again and again by the hundreds of men and women present. Speaking of his imprisonment, he said that in prison one viewed the ordinary occurrences of everyday life in truer perspective. An incident had occurred at Bow Street on the day on which he was sent to prison. For being drunk and disorderly a man was sentenced to five shillings or three days. A woman, charged with the same offence, was sentenced to ten shillings or five days. The idea that women were inferior to men would never be eradicated until the makers of public opinion recognised the fact that women were men's equals, and accorded them equality in political life. People sometimes told them that they ought to behave themselves. They had not time for that! They had other things to do. They were determined to get the Women's Bill through this Session.

Mr. Nevinson said the time for arguing the case for Woman Suffrage had gone by, and therefore he had accepted the invitation to become a member of the Committee of the Men's Political Union. The Liberal Press as a whole had shown very clearly that they thought the time had gone by when the subject of Woman's Suffrage could be dismissed with a bare Second Reading. This fact would, he thought, considerably assist Mr. Asquith towards coming to a decision. The representatives of the great body of voters had declared by an enormous majority that they were in favour of women's enfranchisement. When people said that the vote had no real power, Suffragists must answer, "We will concentrate on the vote," for the vote was the key to the whole situation. There were even feminists who thought that it was of no account, and that there were other things of greater importance that women ought to have. This was a mistake. What the supporters of the woman's movement had to do was to concentrate on the vote and on the vote alone. Napoleon in his "Forty Maxims of War" had said: "When you see the enemy choose your point, and then concentrate on that point. Shake his equilibrium, and when his equilibrium is shaken you have him at your mercy." Women must concentrate on the vote, not merely as a means of legislation, but as the very symbol and typical evidence of equality.

Miss Vida Goldstein, in appealing to Australian women in the audience to come forward and join the Great Procession on June 17, said she regarded it as the duty of all enfranchised women who were over here to help their sisters in their struggle for the vote which they themselves had already obtained. The militant movement had succeeded not only in bringing new life into the agitation for Woman Suffrage, but had spread the news of the fight all over the world. The enfranchisement of the women of the mother country would be a splendid thing for the British Empire. There were people who thought that if you had plenty of material prosperity, all was well with the nation. But there were other things needed to make a country great; moral forces were needed, and many of these would never have full play until women were admitted into the political life of the nation. The fight for Woman Suffrage, Miss Goldstein concluded, was nearly at an end. She was convinced that this year, 1911, the Coronation year of King George, would see the enfranchisement of women placed upon the Statute Book.

Bishop Arnold Harris Mathew said it seemed ridiculous that it should be necessary to plead for such an elementary right as voting for so large a proportion of the community. He was proud of the action taken by Mr. Franklin and other members of the Men's Political Union. Some people objected to militant methods. Well, nobody liked them, least of all those who took part in them.

The following resolution was carried unanimously:—

That this meeting, assembled by the Committee of the Men's Political Union, calls upon the Prime Minister to uphold the principle of representative government, and to vindicate his own personal honour by granting full facilities for the further stages of the Conciliation Bill in the House of Commons this session.

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WOMAN THROUGH THE AGES.

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—C. PERKINS GILMAN.

It is not pleasant to be forced to realise that in many ways the Roman law of 2,000 years ago was more just to women than is our law of to-day, and that moreover some of the laws still enforced in this country and in America are little less than barbarous.

In a very interesting book* tracing women's rights from Roman times to the present day, Mr. Hecker gives a wealth of instructive facts. We find that women's influence during the three centuries before Christ was very great; they had much scope for development, and instances of heroism were chronicled with admiration. Boys and girls had the same opportunity for education, a position which we reached only a few decades ago. A woman was practically free to manage her own property, and as regards the married woman, it is illuminating to read that no husband was allowed to have a concubine, and that the laws on adultery were much more lenient to the woman than to the man. The Roman law insisted that it was unfair for a husband to demand chastity from his wife if he did not set her a good example. Compare with this our divorce law only half a century old! The dowry was under the wife's complete control, and a husband divorced was obliged to pay back any money of his wife's. Women, too, engaged freely in all business pursuits, including retail trade and innkeeping, and many brought legal suits and pleaded them in person. Another fair point in the Roman law was that a daughter had equal privileges of inheritance with a son.

How come we to have receded so far from this position? The author traces the influence of the early Christian Church. Departing from the law of Christ, who never taught the inferiority of woman, the Apostles, influenced by their Oriental surroundings, relegated her to a very low position. She was the weaker; she was to be silent, she was to be entirely subservient to her husband. Marriage was looked upon as a necessary evil. These ideas gradually found their way into legal ordinances. The woman was to be under guardianship; if married, she was in the power of her husband. She was commanded to devote herself entirely to household matters, and practically forbidden to have views on anything outside. Deprived of education, she was naturally not in a position to assert herself, and, side by side with the strict teaching of the Church as to chastity, there arose what the author calls "the foulest stain on Christian nations—prostitution." This attitude naturally spread to England, where in the early days, though a woman could take legal action and needed no guardian, in the matter of inheritance she was unjustly treated. The husband had power to correct, and even chastise, his wife, a custom which existed until the end of the Stuart period. What, however, is almost incredible is that until the Jackson case, only 20 years ago, a husband had a legal right over his wife's person, and was able to restrain her liberty.

The property laws, which practically gave all a woman's possessions and earnings to her husband, were only altered in 1870, 1874, and 1882, by the Married Women's Property Act, in which Mrs. Wolstenholme Elmy and other pioneers did such noble work. To this rudimentary instalment of justice we hear there was frantic opposition, and there arose many prophets who foretold disaster. As regards divorce, the prevalent attitude until the nineteenth century was submission and complacency on the part of a wronged wife. It was not until 1801 that a woman dared to seek for divorce, and only two other applications were made until 1840. In 1857 the Divorce Law was passed, which still makes unfaithfulness on the husband's part a mere bagatelle, unless it is accompanied by cruelty and desertion.

Another terrible blot, which has only recently been removed, is the lowness of age of consent. For centuries this was 10 or 12, and it was not until 1885 that it was raised to 16 in England. How can a girl of that age, as the author points out, realise the consequence and the full significance of her acts? A struggle on this point has been going on for years in America. Only 20 years ago two attempts were made to lower the age of consent to 14, and in an interesting summary of United States laws at the end of the book, we find that in Colorado, where women have the vote, and in some other States, the age is high, viz., 18, while in Georgia and Mississippi the age of consent is—would it be believed?—only 10. In Wyoming, where women also have the suffrage, the age of consent is 21.

It is sometimes asked why the so-called woman's movement is of such comparatively recent birth. A desire for freedom and for self-development goes hand in hand with education, and the higher education of woman is only half a century old. It had its beginning in a small attempt to train governesses in 1846, but once begun it spread with lightning rapidity. "Almost everything is now won," says the author, "except the vote," and he closes his book with a most interesting history of the suffrage movement in England and in America, while its last chapter is a splendid argument in favour of full and final justice.

S. B.

TWO NEW NOVELS.

"The Marriage of Count Malorto," by D. Hugh Price, comes rather as a disappointment from the authoress of "Valda Hanem," that charming story of the life of a Turkish woman. One would imagine this to have been an earlier work, more sensational, but with less grip of life. The scene is laid in Austria, where romantic possibilities still linger. Even in these mountain fastnesses an echo of the suffrage movement is allowed to penetrate, but it is merely an echo. One feels that the word suffragette is used as a stalking horse, just as of old the opprobrious "Blue Stocking" used to be hurled at any woman who was extraordinary enough to care for learning. The authoress does not seem to understand more of the modern movement than former slingers of the "Blue Stocking" epithet understood of the trend of their women. She seems, however, at home in the scenes she depicts, which are off the beaten tourist track, and virtue is rewarded and villainy worsted in the most satisfactory fashion.

* "A Short History of Women's Rights." By Eugene Hecker. Putnam's Sons. Price 6s. On sale at the Woman's Press.

* "The Marriage of Count Malorto." By D. Hugh Price. London: Everett and Co., &c.

"A Holiday in Gaol" by Frederick Martyn, is an extremely interesting book, a description of prison life written by one who served his time. The writer is a man of education, with the shrewd, yet tolerant, outlook of the business man-of-the-world. He speaks astonishingly well of prison life, its fare, its general conditions, but we should like to hear what some of the men who have been in prison for the sake of their principles have to say about it. A shocking piece of injustice in the author's experience was that at the last moment, before appearing in court, he was told of an entirely new and unexpected charge which was going to be brought against him (the charge on which he was first arrested fell through), and he was unable to arrange any defence at such short notice, being convicted entirely on legal technicalities, which he might have adequately defended. The police, unfortunately, do not appear to advantage in these pages. They are open to "tips" in the most unblushing manner, and vary their treatment of a prisoner according to what he gives them. "Everybody who is brought into contact with a prisoner during the police court stage of his case is on the make. The detective who arrests him expects something; the gaoler at the court will ask him if he wants the change out of the 2s. 6d. he has given to the officer to purchase food," and so on. The writer gives impartially the bad as well as the good experiences. But one cannot help thinking he must be an exceptionally optimistic person this man who can honestly assert, "I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and am glad that it came my way."

"TOWARD FREEDOM."

In an able and interesting essay on the women of to-day in the *Social Democrat* Rose Trask gives a brief survey of woman in the past, the conditions of her existence, and how these have influenced her outlook and attitude towards life. That attitude is now changing; woman's advent into the industrial world marks the transition period from the woman whose sphere is limited to the home, woman dependent, clinging, narrow-minded, to the self-reliant, strong, clear-brained bread-winner. The pioneers, of course, "have to fight not only for themselves but must drag along the line of march those who are unable to fight, and others who are too lazy, who will not forget to come along and take a share when there are any benefits won for them." The anti-Suffragist, with what is really unconscious but blighting irony, pronounces the most crushing indictment of the woman of the past. Woman, he says, is not fit to decide questions affecting her own welfare and that of her children. If this is "the reward of being pattern mother and wife," says Rose Trask, "after all your years of patient self-effacement, . . . then it is time you widened your sphere and let your brain power develop. Let us cease to deserve those sneers." And all women are not domesticated, all women do not marry; and the outside world has need of these women. Some people insist that all women must be home makers, that all have the maternal instinct. Why not insist that all men wish to be fathers? In all the conflict of new and old ideas, however, a "growing sense of respect is rising between the two sexes, and we are beginning to have glimpses of a fine co-operation that will be of the greatest advantage to humanity in the future."

VERSE.

"Queen Herzeleid, Sorrow of Heart" (David Nutt, 2s. 6d.), a dramatic poem by Miss Isabel Hearne, should be read by all who love the cause of progress. It deals with an episode in the boyhood of the hero, Purzival, forms further evidence of woman's creative power and adds Miss Hearne's name to the already overflowing list of women writers of the twentieth century. There is an arresting beauty in the rhythm of the easily flowing lines; the feeling of Spring awakens our ambitions, as it does Purzival's, urging him on to his life's work. The eternal struggle between the old and the new, the fight for freedom and the larger life, the casting aside of all trammels, is finely portrayed, and the climax is reached, as it ever will be, in youth's decision to go forward, while "Sorrow of Heart" must make to Liberty her dying sacrifice of love.

"Look not behind thee, son of Gahmuret."

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PETER FARRELL OF DUBLIN.

It was, perhaps, unfortunate that circumstances prevented my being able to interview Peter during his brief visit to this country. For I feel sure that, despite difficulties of language (I imagine he speaks the Celtic tongue) he would have had some extremely interesting impressions to give me.

To begin with, it was quite the longest journey he had ever taken—400 miles from his home in the capital of Ireland to the capital of the Sister Isle, Great Britain. It was also, I imagine, his first appearance on a public platform, though of this I am by no means sure. For Peter is a person of Public Consequence, and may, for all I know, have performed Civic Duties at an even earlier period.

What I am quite sure of is, however, that it was in May, 1911, that he had the time of his life. Having successfully crossed the Channel, he arrived at a large and very bewildering station at some time after midnight on May 12. An Irish welcome was waiting for him. Between a double row of Distinguished Persons, some of them carrying Harps of Erin on a green background, he made his Triumphant Entry into London, to the accompaniment of "Cead Mile Failthe." Even the bus drivers knew that he was Somebody, and they said "Good old Ireland!" as Peter passed to the waiting motor-car and drove to his hotel. As it was somewhat late—or early—Peter soon retired to bed, and I believe the next three days were spent somewhat quietly. However that may be, on Monday afternoon, May 15, he made his Grand Coup. The theatre (the London Pavilion) was full of an expectant throng. A Certain Event in which his Father had played an important part, and in which Peter had taken a passive interest, had occurred during his visit, and an atmosphere of curiosity pervaded the assembly from stalls to gallery. The curtain went up, and revealed a Silver Tankard. Incidentally, there were people seated behind the table on which the Tankard rested, and as they were very Distinguished, the people clapped. But Peter's part in the ceremony was not due yet, and I pass over the speeches that were made before his entrance. He listened, no doubt, from the wings, but whatever his thoughts may have been, he kept them to himself.

The next important thing that happened was that a little girl in a green frock came on to the stage and gave a large bouquet of shamrock to Peter's Mother (I should, perhaps, have mentioned that Peter was accompanied to London by both his Mother and Father). Someone got in front of me and blocked my view for a moment, and when I could see the stage again Peter was there in his Mother's arms. It sounds like a Stage Reconciliation, but that is quite a mistake. Peter, I am sure, had never quarrelled with his Mother, in fact he undertook the long journey almost entirely on her account. You see, Peter's Mother had been insulted. Now no son worthy of the name will stand that, and Peter, young as he was, determined to take steps to avenge his Mother. That was the reason for his long journey and his public appearance, and that was the reason for the Tankard.

It was like this. Peter's Father (and his Mother and his Father so far as Peter knew) were Citizens. They paid coins into the Public Coffers into which the People Who Make the Laws dip when they have to pay out money to Keep the Country from Going to the Dogs, or for other reasons. Now Peter's Mother (and her Mother and her Mother, for all he knew) did exactly the same thing. But the dreadful truth was that while his Father, his Grandfather, and his Great Grandfather, were allowed by the People Who Made the Laws to say how the money in the Public Coffers was to be spent, his Mother and his Grandmother and his Great Grandmother were not!

Peter's clear, logical brain seems to have seen the wickedness of this state of affairs, and to have recognised what an insult it was to his Mother and his Grandmother and his Great Grandmother, and indeed to all his Female Relatives, and to all the Women of Ireland (and England and Scotland). "Evidently," he must have reasoned, "the People Who Make the Laws don't know that these things are so. We men must tell them."

Now it happened conveniently that the very same idea had occurred to Peter's Father, and to the other City Fathers of Dublin. And the City Fathers had asked Peter's Father to go to London and explain the matter to the People Who Made the Laws, and he agreed. That, however, is another story, and it is only referred to here because it explains how it was that Peter and his Father and his Mother were able to pay their visit to London all together.

Now the Tankard was a beautiful shining silver thing, and had two handles. And the next thing that happened was that a very Distinguished Lady, who had worked very hard to avenge the insult on Peter's Mother, made him a beautiful little speech. She said the Tankard was to remind him always of how he came to London with his Mother and his Father, to tell the People Who Made the Laws how deeply he felt that insult to his Mother. Then she gave the Tankard to Peter, and there was a horrible bright light and a click (which meant that there was a Photographer somewhere in the Theatre), and Peter was glad that his Father relieved him of the necessity of returning thanks personally for the Tankard. Peter's Father said that he (Peter) would never forget that day, and that he thanked the People who had given Peter the Tankard for their great mark of respect and esteem, and that they would always look back upon that day as one of the proudest moments of their lives. With this Peter thoroughly agreed, and everybody clapped again.

The rest of the history of Peter Farrell must be written another time. But the historian of the future may be quite sure that whatever else he has to record, he will have to put in his history that Peter began to be a Knight Errant when he was three months old.

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M.P.'S TAKE ACTION.

We understand that the Prime Minister will very shortly receive a deputation representing the Parliamentary supporters of the Conciliation Bill for Woman Suffrage, and that this deputation will ask him to grant facilities for the Bill this Session, either unconditionally or upon the condition that the House of Commons first expresses by resolution its desire for such facilities.

There is every reason to suppose that the Prime Minister will make a favourable reply to the request for facilities which the deputation lays before him, for not only have three members of his Cabinet expressly stated that in their opinion the Bill ought to be passed in the Session of 1911, but the Prime Minister himself, speaking for the Government as a whole, has promised to give effective facilities in this Parliament.

The necessity of fulfilling the Prime Minister's pledge in the present Session is obvious to all. For, by the provisions of the Parliament Bill, if the measure for Woman Suffrage is passed through the House of Commons this Session, it is certain of enactment before the General Election. But if it were not passed this year, the promise of effective facilities would be broken because, while the Parliament Bill facilitates the enactment of measures introduced in the first two Sessions of a Parliament, it has the effect, where Bills introduced in the later Sessions are concerned, of increasing the likelihood of delay at the hands of the Lords. In fact, the Home Secretary, in his speech on the third reading of the Parliament Bill, declared that the powers which the Lords are to retain will be "not merely effectual, but formidable and even menacing"; and he further drew attention to the fact that precisely because the Lords will "cease to have the responsibility and consequently the odium of the absolute Veto," the power which remains to them will be all the more living and effective. Therefore, unless the Woman Suffrage Bill has the advantage of passing the House of Commons in the first or second Sessions of this Parliament (and

the second Session will, as we know, be more crowded with business and therefore less available than the present one), it will, as Ministers have in their speeches made only too clear to us, be much more likely to be delayed by the Lords than it would have been under the old system which the Parliament Bill is to supersede. In short, the only course which is in accord with the Government's pledge of effective facilities for this Parliament, is to give those facilities in the present Session. This will ensure that the Suffrage Bill is carried and women placed on the register of voters before the next General Election.

The great majority recorded in the House of Commons on May 5 proves (for the vote of the Commons on this question reflects the opinion of the country) the immense popularity of the Woman Suffrage Bill. The opposition to the Bill dwindles with every day, and the fact that only 88 votes were recorded against the measure marks the final collapse of the Anti-Suffrage movement. The opponents of the Woman Suffrage Bill are the successors of those who, in tones of lamentation, unsuccessfully opposed the Franchise Bills of the past. They will suffer the same defeat, and are destined very soon to see falsified by actual experience their own prophecies of evil.

There are other reasons which make this Session essentially the appropriate one for granting votes to women. The Imperial Conference is meeting for the discussion of affairs vitally affecting the future of the Empire and the welfare of its citizens. The Conference is in part representative of women, because the Australian and New Zealand members of it are elected by the women voters of the countries from which they come, but because the other members of the Conference, and especially those who speak for the Home Government, are responsible only to men, the recognition which will be given to the women's point of view can hardly fail to be imperfect, and the very fact of the exclusion of women from representation is a grave indignity. Upon the Statesmen who hail from the Dominions where women have the vote, a refusal to give votes this year to the women of the Mother Country would make a most painful impression.

The question which has now to be decided is whether the British Empire is to follow the example of those empires of the past which have decayed and disappeared, by relying for their management entirely upon such ability and loyalty as men can provide, or whether, in the counsels of the Empire there is to be an infusion of fresh life and energy provided by its women citizens. There is no doubt as to the alternative which will be chosen. Women will be admitted to the ranks of citizenship! For the Legislature to neglect the opportunity of making that choice this year by carrying the Suffrage Bill would be a deplorable failure to seize the right moment for doing the right thing.

The present year is one of national rejoicing, and the Coronation ceremonies will be symbolic of the unity and of the freedom of our Empire, but that unity and that freedom cannot be complete so long as the stigma of disfranchisement and political outlawry rests upon half the people. Women have a right to demand that in this year, of all years, their political liberty shall be accorded to them.

The feeling is universal that we have come to a turning point in the history of our Empire, to a time of new growth and new development. Mr. Winston Churchill, in winding up the third reading debate on the Parliament Bill, declared that we have reached the end of an era in our politics—the end of strife, and the beginning of settlement. "The time," he said, "has surely come when this country can clear off its arrears of reform. The time has come when the worn-out controversies of the Victorian period should be finally settled and cleared out of the way," and he declared that we ought now to turn with all our strength to the "social, national, and Imperial organisation on which the wealth and future of our nation depend." If these words mean anything, they mean that the Woman Suffrage question should now be settled. It certainly forms part of the arrears of reform long overdue. It is one of the controversies of the Victorian period which ought to have been over and done with before that period expired. The help of women in social, national and Imperial organisation is needed to-day as it was never needed before. Women have taken their full share of the hardships and perils suffered by those who laid the foundations of Empire; they deserve, and they are supremely fitted for, a share in the great constructive work which it is now necessary for the men and the women of this Empire to undertake.

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Last week a difficulty presented itself to those who were organising the demonstration of Saturday, June 17th! It was not one of failure, but of success! The difficulty was that the numbers of those who had expressed their intention of taking part were so great that the space available was not long enough for them all to be accommodated. Even though the line of formation had been extended all the way from the Houses of Parliament to the Bank of England, and in addition Whitehall Place, Whitehall Court, and part of Whitehall itself had been called into requisition, yet room could not be found.

To March Seven Abreast.

The difficulty has been met by the decision to walk seven abreast instead of five abreast as had been originally intended. This will enable the many thousand processionists to pack themselves into the four miles of route available for forming up, and will add very much to the imposing character of the march.

It will mean that the processionists will have to be careful in wheeling round corners to keep the lines unbroken; but the wonderful capacity which Suffragists have shown in the past in rising to all emergencies justifies the confidence that in this also they will be entirely successful.

On the march the procession will probably stretch out to about five miles in length, and it will take over two hours to pass a given point.

In Four Divisions.

It will be divided into four divisions. The first when drawn up at the start will extend from Charing Cross Underground to Blackfriars Bridge, the second will occupy Whitehall Place and part of Whitehall, the third will occupy Whitehall Court and the part of the Embankment from Charing Cross Underground to Westminster, the fourth will extend from Blackfriars to the Bank of England.

Each of these divisions will be divided into about three sections and each section into about four groups, while each group will be made up of various contingents.

Several Hundred Officers.

The whole procession will be under the control of the Chief Marshal, each of the four divisions will have at its head a Divisional Marshal, each of the sections (which will be numbered in the letters of the alphabet) will be controlled by a Section Marshal, who will be responsible for the order of the groups, and a Banner Marshal who will be in prime charge of the standards and other banners which are being carried on the day. The group officers will similarly be a Group Captain and a Banner Captain, while every contingent will have a sergeant of its own.

It is hoped that an opportunity will be found nearer the date of the procession for these various officers to meet together in order that they may understand the details of the marching arrangements.

Next week we propose to give a provisional map showing the arrangement of the various groups at the start.

THE PRISONERS' PAGEANT.

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SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES TAKING PART.

Every Suffrage Society in the country has been invited to take part. Amongst those who have already signified their intention to co-operate with the Women's Social and Political Union are the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies, the Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Society, the Women's Freedom League, the New Constitutional Society for Women's Suffrage, the Church League for Women's Suffrage, the Catholic Women's Suffrage Society, the Free Church League for Woman Suffrage, the Actresses' Franchise League, The Artist's Franchise League, the Women Writers' Suffrage League, the Scottish University Women's Suffrage Union, the Irish Women's Franchise League, the Women's Tax Resistance League, the Younger Suffragists, the Suffrage Atelier, the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, the Men's Political Union for Women's Enfranchisement, Hastings and St. Leonards Women's Suffrage Propaganda League, Men's Committee for Justice to Women, Cambridge University Men's League, Fabian Women's Group, Gymnastic Teachers' Suffrage Society, International Suffrage Club, West Essex Women's Suffrage Society. There will also be a group from the Hampstead Garden Suburb, and a group representing the Ethical Societies.

DISTINGUISHED WOMEN IN THE PROCESSION.

In last week's VOTES FOR WOMEN we published a long list of the notable women who will take part in the Great Procession. This week we have to add to their names that of Madame Jeanne E. Schmahl, Founder of L'Avant-Courrière, and Founder and First President of L'Union Française Pour le Suffrage des Femmes. Mrs. Speyer and Mrs. Philip Agnew will take part in the Pageant.

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Several offers of help have been received. Will volunteers please watch these columns for future announcements. Clerks and business women who are unable to give any other time are urged to give one evening or more a week to this cheap and effective mode of advertisement. Offers of help from men and women should be sent in to the Hon. Sec. (as above) as soon as possible.

Shop Window Banners.

Many shops have expressed their willingness to help in this way, and it is hoped that there will be a good show of banners throughout the shopping centre of the West-End. The Greenwich and Deptford W.S.P.U. are securing that a banner be placed across the Deptford High Street. Any similar offers from Local Unions will be most valuable.

DRAWING-ROOM MEETINGS.

Organiser—Miss M. Thompson, 48, Queen's Gate, S.W.

Wanted! Wanted! Still Wanted! Drawing-Room Meetings. Some splendid meetings have been held in the last week, and several more are being organised. One member just going abroad was offered a dance by her relations, but asked them to give a drawing-room meeting instead. A packed and most successful gathering was the result, about 120 being present, most of whom were strangers to the movement. Another member has kindly offered a large studio. Will more friends come forward at this most important time? Members might try to get their friends to lend rooms if they cannot undertake to give a meeting themselves.

"VOTES FOR WOMEN" CORPS.

Organiser—Miss Helen Craggs, 156, Charing Cross Road, W.C.

The corps believes that to be in really good form on the Grand Parade Day in June it should have a large amount of practice, so an important field day was made of last Friday at the opening of the "Festival of Empire." As a result, many of those in the vast crowds that lined the route from Birdcage Walk to the Crystal Palace will have gone home the hearer for the cheers which they gave the VOTES FOR WOMEN Press cart as it made its triumphant progress over the Royal route. All congratulations are due to those members of the corps who worked so hard that day. On June 17 the crowds assembled to watch the Procession will probably be even greater than those of last Friday. Therefore, an urgent appeal is made to all friends of the Union to send in their names as recruits to Miss Helen Craggs, The Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road.

INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENTS.

Organiser—Miss E. Freeman, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Everything looks very strong for these contingents. The International Suffrage Club, the International Suffrage Shop, and the organiser of the Women's Freedom League are all working with the organiser to make this section of the Procession a huge success. Miss Katherine Drier is to head the American section. Miss Laberge and Miss. Guenot are working hard for the French section. Miss. Glane is organising a Drawing meeting for the Scandinavian women, on May 21, at her rooms, 147, Great Portland Street, from four to six p.m., at which the organiser is speaking. The Misses Hoffmann are doing splendid work for the Austrian section; and Madam Honfer is working up the German women. Mrs. Massey brought good news from Belgium. Mrs. Alison Hensley has undertaken

to gather together Internationals in Oxford. Will members who belong by birth to other nationalities walk under the flags of their country, and get deputies to take up their other places in the march? It is most important to make this part of the Procession speak for itself, and show how keenly women of other countries feel toward this movement.

IMPERIAL CONTINGENT.

Organiser—Miss Dennett, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

This year the "man in the street" must realise as he has never done before that the Suffrage movement is not confined to the Empire, but that it has spread throughout the length and breadth of the Empire. The Imperial Contingent must demonstrate the strength of the movement in the Overseas Dominions. A band of enthusiasts is already at work, but still more helpers are needed. Surely everyone must have friends who are coming "home" this year, and not one of them must be left in ignorance of the Women's Procession on June 17. Posters and handbills will do a good deal, but personal influence counts for much more, and to each member of the Union it must be a matter of conscience to swell the numbers of the Imperial Contingent so that it will form a Procession in itself.

New Zealand.

Representative: Lady Stout, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

New Zealand proudly bears the palm as the first country within the Empire to concede the vote to women, and New Zealand will show on June 17 that it backs up the demand for the enfranchisement of women at the heart of the Empire. This section will be led by Lady Stout who was the pioneer of the movement in her own country. We ask all New Zealand women who are in London and all who are visiting this country to put themselves in touch with Miss Dennett, the organiser in charge of the Imperial Contingent, and watch the columns of this paper for all news of this contingent.

Australia.

Representatives: Lady Cockburn and Miss Vida Goldstein, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The Contingent from the Commonwealth of Australia promises to be influential and large. Lady Cockburn will lead it, and all Australian women resident in London or visiting this country are asked to put themselves in touch immediately with Miss Quinlan, the Hon. Secretary. A strong committee is at work and a large meeting will be held shortly. Miss Vida Goldstein is anxious to get into direct communication with her countrywomen, and all letters addressed to 4, Clements Inn, W.C., will reach her without delay.

Canada.

Representatives: Mrs. W. D. Balfour, Mrs. Bannell Sawyer, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Mrs. W. D. Balfour, wife of the late Speaker of the House of Commons in Toronto, has joined the committee. Thousands of Canadians are now on their way to England, and the Organiser will be glad to hear of any who are personally known to W.S.P.U. members. A meeting will be held shortly, and it is important that it should be well advertised amongst Canadians.

South Africa.

Representatives: Mrs. Saul Solomon, Les Lunas, Sumatra Road, West Hampstead. Miss Nina Boyle.

A committee meeting was held recently, and arrangements for the Procession are now in full working order. Mrs. Saul Solomon urges all South Africans who are willing to join the Procession of June 17 to communicate with her at once.

India.

Representatives: Mrs. Fisher Unwin, Miss Helen B. Hanson.

A meeting in connection with this section will be held to-day (Friday), by kind permission of Mrs. Fisher Unwin, at 3, Adelphi Terrace, Strand, at 4 o'clock. Any who are interested will be welcome. Names of those who intend to take part in the Procession should be sent at once to the Organiser at 4, Clements Inn.

SCOTTISH CONTINGENT.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Annan Bryce, Mrs. Henderson Begg, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

A beautiful scheme of decoration for this contingent is being arranged in co-operation with Miss Downing and Miss Wallace Dunlop. Particulars will be given in a subsequent issue of VOTES FOR WOMEN. The hon. secretaries are getting into touch with Scottish societies in London, but would be exceedingly glad to hear from anyone who could further assist them in this way. They tender best thanks to Miss Grant, of Wimbledon, for her kind help. Will Scottish members and sympathisers communicate with the above immediately?

IRISH CONTINGENT.

Organiser—Miss Lennox, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Justice, liberty and freedom are dear to the hearts of Irishmen and women. This has once again been demonstrated during the past week by the action of the Corporation of Dublin in sending their representatives to present a petition in favour of women's enfranchisement at the bar of the House of Commons. Irishwomen all over the country must see to it that they do their duty in backing up the action of Dublin's civic authorities by making the Irish Contingent in the Procession on June 17 one of the largest and most representative. Numbers of Irishwomen are travelling from different parts of Ireland and from Brussels to be present on that day. It is hoped that their countrywomen in England, especially those in London, will not lag behind in loyalty to the woman's cause, which is the cause of justice. The Hon. M. E. Massey writes: "I shall certainly walk with the Irish if in town on June 17, and if I hear of any Irishwomen who are at all sympathetic, I will ask them to write to you." This is what every member must do—get all her friends to send in their names. Play up, Ireland!

WELSH CONTINGENT.

Organiser—Mrs. Mansell-Moullin, 20, Wimpole Street, W.

Mrs. Mansell-Moullin reports:—I have promises from the wives of three Welsh M.P.s to walk in the Procession in the national costume—Mrs. Ellis Griffith, Mrs. Llewellyn Williams, and Mrs. Roche. It is hoped others will follow their example, and will send in their names very soon. If there should be any Welsh women who cannot come themselves, will they be sure to find a substitute? (The substitutes need not be Welsh.) Our contingent must be very large, besides being beautiful. Please remember I am at home on Tuesday afternoon, commencing May 23, from 4 to 6 o'clock, to give help and advice about the costumes and for a choir practice. I hope a great many will come to the first practice. It is not necessary for all to have a knowledge of the language. Those who know Welsh will soon teach the others sufficient for singing. I am very grateful to those who are kindly helping me to visit the Welsh chapels, but I want more offers of help. I have letters from several women who are longing to come up for the Procession, but who cannot afford the expense. I shall be very glad to receive gifts of money for railway fares and offers of hospitality.

WOMEN GRADUATES.

In the great procession of representative womanhood, one of the most impressive sections is always that of University women, and we are delighted to announce that the London Graduates' Union have decided to organise the women graduates in the Procession on June 17 as an independent section. A committee is being formed, and further information will be announced shortly. The hon. secretary is Dr. Mary Douie. It must be clearly understood that this section of representative University women is entirely independent of any Suffrage society.

MUSICIANS.

Hon. Sec.—Dr. Ethel Smyth.

Organising Sec.—Miss Douglas Smith, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Dr. Ethel Smyth, Madame Blanche Marchesi, and others have already signified their intention of being with us on June 17. Will those who wish to walk behind the Musicians' banner send in their names to Miss Douglas Smith, and watch these columns week by week for further particulars? All provincial organisers are asked to tell their musician members to send in their names. Miss Douglas Smith would be glad to know of any student of either the Royal College or Royal Academy of Music who would give away cards and bills amongst other students.

TEACHERS' CONTINGENT.

Organiser—Mrs. Ayrton Gould, 54, St. Mary's Mansions, Paddington.

The Teachers' Contingent is going to be a greater success than ever this year, for we hear that the L.O.C. Teachers' Union will take part in the procession officially, walking under their own banner, and led by their president, Mrs. Morgan Dockrell, who is such an ardent and enthusiastic supporter of the cause. We very much hope that all the other Teachers' Unions, Associations, and Societies will follow the splendid lead of the L.O.C. Teachers' Union. Every woman teacher in the country should exert all her energy in urging any society to which she belongs to take an official part in the great Coronation Procession. For those who cannot persuade their Unions to join, there is plenty of individual work to do. There must be bills posted in every mistress's room in the country, and this cannot be done unless you help. Send me your name at once, and I will send you bills to put up. Let me know how many teachers you can bring to walk in the Procession. And last, but not least, come down any Saturdays between 10 and 1 o'clock to help with the clerical work. We want the official full of teachers every Saturday morning, and we can't get that unless you come. Come to-morrow (Saturday); if you can't do that, send a friend instead to work, and let her bring with her your list of teachers who are going to walk.

SANITARY INSPECTORS AND HEALTH VISITORS.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Fisher, 26, Denning Road, Hampstead Heath.

A most enthusiastic meeting was held on Monday, May 15th, at the Emerson Club, when Miss Evelyn Sharp's inspiring speech had the effect of converting one or two waverers. Procession arrangements were discussed, and a number of names handed in. One of two members of the group offered hospitality to country Inspectors coming up for the Procession. Will those wishing to be put up kindly communicate with Mrs. Fisher? All Sanitary Inspectors and Health Visitors are urged to join the Procession, and, if possible, to walk in their own group. It would be of great assistance if all those able to take part would send in their names to the Hon. Sec., Mrs. Fisher, at once.

NURSES.

Organiser: Miss Buckley, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Several matrons have kindly promised their help in making the Procession known among their nurses, and many nurses are sending in their names. Some of the organisers are giving valuable help by arranging meetings specially for nurses, and others are circulating the local hospitals. All organisers are asked to help in this work, so that the Nurses' Contingent may be a good one. If the weather is fine it is hoped that indoor uniform will be worn, but nurses are at liberty to come in indoor uniform or outdoor dress as they prefer.

GARDENERS AND FLORISTS.

Organiser—Miss Ernestine M. Smith, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Will the women farmers please note that they are included in this contingent? Will they spread the news through the country and send in their names at once to the organiser? There are signs of unwonted enthusiasm among the gardeners, and we are hoping to have a large and representative following. As our profession is increasing so quickly in size and importance, our contingent must naturally do the same, and we appeal to all gardeners who sympathise with our movement to rouse an interest in their friends and fellow-workers. All information as to arrangements for the procession will be sent to those whose names we have. Some new volunteers have already sent in their names. The organiser will be glad to hear of any more who wish to walk with us.

BUSINESS WOMEN.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Vibert and Miss Fergus, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Applications for tickets are coming so fast that members who have not yet written should do so this week without fail. The secretaries will be glad if all who are going to walk in this contingent will send in their names at once, so that sufficient space may be allotted for them. It is hoped they will bring as many friends as possible to walk with them; for even if some are not able to join the Union, they still can in this way show active sympathy, and thus further a movement which will benefit all women.

PHARMACISTS.

Hon. Sec.: Miss Gilliat, Western Hospital, Fulham.

It is hoped to have a much larger group than last June. All the Women Pharmacists have been circulated, and probably a meeting will shortly be arranged for those in or near London. Those Pharmacists who have not received a letter from Miss Gilliat are asked to write to her.

GYMNASTIC TEACHERS.

Organiser: Miss W. L. Boulton, Pinxton College, Road, Chalfont.

A very striking feature of last year's Procession was the section of gymnastic teachers, whose splendid carriage and general physical fitness was not only a fine sight, but formed an effective answer to the physical force argument. It is hoped this year to have an even better contingent of gymnastic teachers, and those who are able to take part are asked to communicate at once with Miss Boulton as above, and not with Miss Adair Roberts, as announced last week.

CLERKS AND CIVIL SERVANTS.

Organisers.—Miss P. A. Ayton, Miss C. Maguire,
4, Clements Inn, W.C.

The Clerks and Civil Servants' Contingent promises to be one of the most representative in the Procession. Names are steadily coming in, but many more are wanted. "It's dogged as does it," and everyone must put her shoulder to the wheel and help in making the contingent a success. It does not matter how small the help you can give—give it! Volunteers are wanted for canvassing offices and distributing handbills. Arrangements are being made for a meeting at Winchester House on Wednesday, June 7, at 7 p.m., when Miss Evelyn Sharp will speak. Recitations will also be given by a member of the Actresses' Franchise League. Handbills are now ready, so come and distribute them. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 22, at 4, Clements Inn (Room No. 72), at 7.30 p.m.

HAMPSTEAD GARDEN SUBURB CONTINGENT.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Carol E. Kelsey, 57, Hampstead Way, N.W.; Miss Winifred Fairhead, Fairhead's, Epsom Hill, N.W.

This contingent will probably number nearly as many as in the two last Processions, but if this should meet the eye of anyone who intends joining and has not yet given in her name, will she be kind enough to do so as soon as possible? As Mrs. Kelsey is also arranging a piece of the pageant for Misses Downing and Dunlop, her time is fully occupied, and she would be glad of any offers of help from Hampden, Hampstead, or any Northern Branch for this part of the work.

HOSPITALITY.

Secretary: Miss Ellen Smith, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Perhaps the greatest feature of the woman's movement is the comradeship it has engendered among women of all classes. All are friends, and all are ready to help one another, and we therefore confidently appeal to those who are in a position to offer hospitality that they should take in as their guest for a night or two those who are coming from a great distance, and often at great sacrifice, to take part in the Procession. Will those who can help in this way communicate at once with Miss Ellen Smith? Those who cannot offer a bedroom may give effective help if they will allow some of the working women members who arrive from Leeds at 11.30 on Saturday morning, to rest in their houses until the hour for forming up.

STEWARDS.

Miss Hambling, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

An urgent appeal is made to all who took part as Stewards or who occupied any other official position in last year's Processions, to keep themselves free for similar duties this year. Miss Hambling urgently appeals for stewards for the Albert Hall meeting, and for the overflow meeting which is to take place in the Empress Rooms. Stewards will be able to see the procession form up, but they must then go at once to their posts and take their places ready for the meetings.

DECORATIONS AND PAGEANTS.

Organisers: Miss Wallace Dunlop and Miss Downing, 13, Smith Street, Chelsea, S.W. (five minutes from Sloane Square Station).

SOME EXCURSION FACILITIES.

Bascomb.—11.50 a.m. Fare, 5s.
Birmingham.—12.15 p.m. Fare, 5s.
Boston.—There will probably be an excursion on June 17.
Bradford.—Trains leave Bradford at 12 midnight and at 5 a.m. on June 16, returning from London at midnight on June 17. Fare, 11s.
Cowen.—12.45, 1 p.m. Fare, 4s.
Dudley Port.—11.29 a.m. Join special train at Birmingham. Fare 5s.
Edinburgh and East of Scotland.—Excursions 4 and 8 days, 21s.; 16 days, 37s. 6d.
Glasgow.—Cheap week-end tickets.
Hallifax.—Great Northern 7.1 a.m. Join Leeds, somewhere on way.
Leeds.—Great Northern train, 7.50 a.m., June 17, breakfast car. Return, King's Cross, 12.25 a.m. Fare, 11s.
Liverpool.—Special train.
Manchester.—Arrangements will be made to leave about 8 a.m., returning about midnight. 11s. return. Particulars later.
Margate and Ramsgate.—Excursion probably starting from Ramsgate, calling at Margate, Herne Bay, Whitstable, Sittingbourne, Gillingham, and Chatham. About 4s. return.
Newcastle-on-Tyne.—The ordinary week-end tickets from Saturday to Monday evening. Return fare, 28s. 4d. Probably leave Newcastle by the 8 a.m.
Northampton.—1.20 p.m. Arrives at Buxton 2.45 p.m. Return train leaves Buxton at 12.45 a.m. Return fare, 3s. 9d.
Nottingham.—Great Central Railway will reserve carriages on their weekly half-day excursion train, which is a Dining Car and Corridor Express. The train leaves Nottingham, Victoria, at 12.5 and arrives at Marylebone at 2.35 (fare 4s. 3d.), and the return train leaves Marylebone at 12.15 midnight.
Petersfield.—Details later. Fare probably 11s. or 12s.
Portsmouth.—"Dockyard" excursion on June 17. Start early in the morning and return the same night. Return fare, 4s. 6d.
Raleigh.—The week-end cheap ticket, 2s. 9d. return. Train leaves Raleigh 1.53 p.m., reaching Liverpool-street 3.3 p.m., returning 12.3 midnight, reaching Raleigh 12.57 a.m. Fare, 2s. 9d. return.
Reading.—The ordinary cheap Saturday tickets can be used.
Redhill.—Reduced fares will probably be arranged.
Roehampton and Chatham.—2s. 9d. return.
Rugby.—12.45 p.m. Fare 3s. 9d.
Sheffield.—The ordinary excursion will be at 5s. 6d. Midland.
Southampton.—"Dockyard" Excursion, 4s. 6d.
Southport.—Train starts after 8 in the morning, arriving at Buxton at 1.30, returning the same night at 12 o'clock.
Stanford.—10.30 a.m. Join special train at Wolverhampton.
Yeston.—Cross to Portsmouth and take special train there.
Walsall.—11.20 a.m. Join special train at Bascomb. Fare 5s.
Wolverhampton.—11.30 a.m. Fare, 5s.
Excursions will be run from Weston-super-Mare calling at Bristol, Bath, Chippenham, Trowbridge and Swindon, and from Oxford. Further details will be given later.
In reply to a correspondent who asks us to publish directions as to how best to get back to the principal railway stations after the Albert Hall meeting, a little book called "Aids to Travel about London." Cornhill Edition, may be had from Gale and Polden, Ltd., 2, Amen Corner, London, E.C.4, and from station bookstalls, price 1d.

AT THE FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE.

South London was in holiday mood on the occasion of the inauguration of the great Festival of Empire last Friday, when, in magnificent sunshine, the public ceremony took place at that magic palace opened by Queen Victoria just sixty years ago. The thought must have been present in many minds how that splendid Empire has been closely welded together mainly owing to the able guidance of a great woman, whose grandchildren were receiving the people's welcome. And it was noticeable that among the red, white, and blue which met the eye along the route there was also the women's tricolour, flaunting gaily in the breeze, both on festoons and where VOTES FOR WOMEN was being sold in the crowds.

When the Festival opened on Friday last, and the strains of the National Anthem were heard in the distance, the finishing touches had already been put to the purple, white, and green kiosk of the Women's Social and Political Union. It had been a great rush to finish in time, but it was worth it all to be able to be in readiness for the informal visit of Mrs. Pankhurst. With pennons flying in the bright sunshine, and the counters displaying literature and attractive articles of all kinds in the well-known colours, all agreed that the kiosk was one of the prettiest exhibits in the grounds, and also one of the very few ready to time. Visitors were numerous, amongst them strangers from Australia, New Zealand, India, and Germany, who showed much interest in the cause and a great desire for information, and who made many purchases. Mrs. Pankhurst was present, and during the afternoon a congratulatory telegram was received from Mrs. Frank Corbett.

It has been arranged that when the surroundings are in a more finished state Mrs. Pankhurst will come down again and perform the opening ceremony; the date will be announced. We hope there will be a good master of members.

The kiosk has an excellent situation, and those who listen to the band in the centre of the grounds are obliged to see the beautiful purple, white, and green pennons which float proudly over it. In structure it is quite classical: no jarring note is struck with its surroundings. The cool white has a suitable background of green, and facing it is the building representing New Zealand, where women are already enfranchised. What could be more fitting?

MEN'S POLITICAL UNION For Women's Enfranchisement.

Offices: 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C. Telephone: City 6723.

Reports of protests made by members of this Union during the past week will be found elsewhere. It is with very great pleasure we are able to announce Mr. H. W. Nevinston's acceptance of our invitation to join the Central Committee. The Caxton Hall meeting was a great success. The hall was packed and many people had to be turned away. A report of the speeches will be found on another page.

Procession.—Will those men who intend to join the W.P.U. contingent please send in their names at once to the Procession Secretary, 13, Buckingham Street, Strand, W.C.

Speakers' Class.—Members are reminded that this class is held at 7.45 p.m. sharp, every Monday evening at these offices, Miss Rosa Leo being the instructor. Fees, payable in advance, are one guinea for ten lessons, and 10s. 6d. for each succeeding ten. This opportunity should be taken by as many as possible, as open-air meetings are everywhere being held for the Procession, and speakers are urgently needed.

Birmingham.—Meetings are being held in the Ball Ring and other pitches in the town, and members are asked to be present with leaflets for distribution, which can be obtained from the hon. sec., Mr. H. B. Wilson, 52, Holly Road, Handsworth.

North London Section.—Workers are needed to help with the campaign that is being organised in this district for a meeting in the Assembly Rooms, Wood Green, N., on Thursday, June 1, at 8 p.m., when Mr. Frank Rutter will be in the chair. The speakers will be Miss Evelyn Sharp, Mr. Hugh A. Franklin, Mr. B. V. Clarke, and Mr. A. L. Caserly. Tickets, 6d., can be obtained from the hon. sec., Mr. B. V. Clarke, 3, Meadowcroft Villas, Palmer's Green, N. The following meetings will be held:—Saturday, May 20, 7.30 p.m., Alderman's Hill, Palmer's Green, N.; Tuesday, May 23, 7.30 p.m., Spouters' Corner, Wood Green, N.; Thursday, May 25, 7.30 p.m., Alderman's Hill, Palmer's Green, N.

Gratefully acknowledged:—

Amount already acknowledged	£2908 5 6
Mrs. Hopburn	3 3 0
Mark Wills	0 10 0
The members of the Barry Branch of the W.S.P.U. (as a small mark of appreciation for the work done on behalf of Votes for Women)	0 10 6
Morice Morgan Brown, Esq.	0 10 6
Frank Witty, Esq.	0 1 0
Anon.	0 10 0
J. S. F. Vickery, Esq. (self denial)	0 5 0
A. B. Wardell, Esq. (collecting sheet)	0 12 6
Frank Rutter, Esq. (lecture fee, per Newcastle W.S.P.U.)	1 1 0
Frank Rutter, Esq. (travelling expenses, per Newcastle W.S.P.U.)	2 5 3
Frank Rutter, Esq. (travelling expenses, per Croydon W.S.P.U.)	0 1 6
Membership Fees	0 2 0
Total	£18 17 9

ACTRESSES' LEAGUE AT POPLAR.

Members of the Actresses' Franchise League, enlarging their field of action, went to sow the good seed at Poplar Town Hall last Friday.

It is hoped that it will bear good fruit when Mr. Sidney Burton next visits his constituency. The audience, consisting mostly of voters, were hugely interested when Mrs. Drummond told them she had been thrown out of that very hall for asking Mr. Burton an awkward question about women's place in the Government scheme. Councilor Banks (Chair) gave some interesting figures in connection with the Conciliation Bill, showing that the working women of Bow and Poplar, not "property" by any means, would get a goodly number of votes in spite of Mr. Lloyd George's fears to the contrary. The evening concluded with a delightful programme contributed by members of the League.

THE PRESS ON THE SECOND READING MAJORITY.

THE SCOTSMAN.

Woman's Suffrage, after waiting long at the gates of Parliament, has at last got a foot well over the threshold. . . . Undoubtedly the case has made progress; its adversaries in the present Parliament number not half of those who voted against it in last, and the way before it is clearer and more unobstructed than ever it was before. . . . The Bill places women, as regards the Parliamentary franchise, in much the same position that they have already held for a considerable time as regards the municipal franchise, with few or none of the evil consequences to themselves and to local affairs which were predicted at the time the experiment was made. This also would be an experiment attended by results in our social and political life that cannot be clearly foreseen, and about which, therefore, it would not be wise to prophesy. But with the knowledge that has already been obtained of woman's capacity and usefulness in an increasingly wide and high sphere of public life, it can hardly be called "a leap in the dark."

THE MORNING LEADER.

Elaborate efforts were made yesterday in the House of Commons to leave the Women's Enfranchisement Bill in the unfettered hands of private members. They were fully justified by an excellent debate, from which all trace of the buffoonery which until not long ago discredited the discussion of the subject in Parliament was absent, and in which neither front bench was represented. More important and gratifying than the debate, however, was the notable majority of 167, which, considering the narrow limits of the changes in the House due to the last election, is a very substantial advance on the 110 votes by which the second reading of Mr. Shackleton's Bill was carried. There is no doubt that the present measure is, in detail, an improvement on last year's. The general wish of the House has been clearly expressed, and if women have so far impressed members with the justice of this reform that they will consent to sit a few days longer after the Parliament Bill is disposed of, and discuss Sir George Kemp's measure on the floor of the House, they may be able to register a new advance which will materially assist the prospects of their ultimate achievement.

THE YORKSHIRE OBSERVER.

The majority was large, and though it is true that nearly half the House took no part in the division, yet the supporters of the Bill are entitled to point out that only eighty-eight members voted against it, while nearly three times as many voted in its favour. We think this proportion fairly well represents the division of opinion outside the House among that large and increasing section of the public who have formed definite opinions about the matter. Against the general principle of woman's right to exercise the franchise there is really nothing to be urged but prejudice and blind adhesion to old tradition. . . . If any person is disposed to treat the question of Woman Suffrage as one of judicious selection, it is not easy to see what better qualification could be chosen than that a woman should have possession and control of a household of her own.

THE LIVERPOOL COURIER.

Once more the principle of woman's enfranchisement has been emphatically endorsed by the House of Commons. . . . Even the most irreconcilable opponent of the claims of woman cannot pretend that those claims are not steadily and appreciably advancing towards acceptance. . . . The principle of Woman's Suffrage obtains increasing assent year after year and Parliament after Parliament, and the out-and-out opposition to it steadily dwindles in volume, if not in intensity. All that now seems lacking to the fulfilment of this long-sustained agitation is not acceptance, but opportunity. . . . It is hard on those earnest and eager persons with a grievance deeply felt to find their claim to redress acknowledged, while the redress itself is withheld. . . . A more moderate and unexceptionable measure it would be difficult to devise, though naturally its moderation provides another ground of objection rather than a recommendation to those who are determined to resist the enfranchisement of woman to the last ditch. . . . It is neither politic nor honest to continue acknowledging obligations merely to put by their fulfilment indefinitely.

THE NEWCASTLE CHRONICLE.

Those who are opposed to the extension of the franchise to women usually forget that two of the most glorious periods of British history were those in which women—Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria—sat upon the throne, and if women are eligible to sway the sceptre over a constitutional country it seems unreasonable, on the face of it, to withhold the franchise from them when they are possessed of the qualifications that entitle the other sex to the vote. We certainly believe that Woman Suffrage would tend to sweeten social life and to humanise British politics. As it is, women are taking an increasingly higher and more responsible part in public affairs of all kinds, and it is not reasonable to believe that women who are already trusted with important duties and responsibilities are not quite as well qualified as the mass of male electors to exercise the Parliamentary franchise.

THE SHEFFIELD TELEGRAPH.

The measure is carefully framed so as to be fair to all political parties, and is without those objections which were urged against last year's Conciliation Bill. The principle has been before the country, and sufficiently frequently approved in the House of Commons for a period extending over nearly two generations, to warrant its promoters in asking the Government to grant facilities for the Bill's passage in the present Parliament. Only those women who at present exercise with judgment and discrimination the municipal vote would be enfranchised under the Bill, and experience of municipal politics goes to prove that they may safely and justly be entrusted with the Parliamentary vote. Since its supporters declare themselves willing to see the precedent of

a general election immediately after an extension of the franchise waived there is really no reason why the present session should not see it become an Act.

THE CORK FREE PRESS.

This marks a great triumph for the cause of Female Suffrage. As the Prime Minister has promised that if the Bill obtained a second reading facilities would be granted for its passage during the present Parliament, there cannot now be much doubt that the measure will ultimately become law. The size of the majority is alone decisive on that point. There was a genuine trial of strength between the supporters and the opponents of the Bill. Mr. Asquith's pledge must have brought vividly home to every member of the House what was involved in the vote he was about to give. In face of such a declaration, to go into the lobby in support of the Bill meant far more than a mere platonic expression of sympathy. It indicated a real desire that the measure should pass and that the facilities necessary for that purpose should be provided. . . . The subject has been a burning one during the past few years, and has given rise to a perfect flood of controversy. But the sense of the House of Commons plainly is that an experiment in the enfranchisement of women might be safely undertaken. . . . After all, there could be no better vindication of Suffragist methods. They forced the question to the front and kept it there. The division yesterday was the reward of their efforts.

THE WORLD.

The prospects for the Conciliation or Woman's Suffrage Bill are not very encouraging to the loyal supporters of the cause. This non-party voting, as our Suffragist friends have discovered in the past, is nothing more than a hollow fraud; and it makes no earthly difference to the success of their measure whether or no a majority of individual members in the House favour their demands. As the *Westminster* very wisely points out, this state of affairs cannot continue. I should not be at all surprised if some of the more energetic members of the W.S.P.U. make this clear to Mr. Asquith.

THE CHRISTIAN COMMONWEALTH.

The Women's Enfranchisement Bill was carried last Friday on second reading by a majority of 167! This is magnificent. The Conciliation Committee had never hoped for such a decisive majority. If the splendid majority of 167 given for last year's Bill had been secured on this occasion it would have been regarded as very satisfactory. But a majority of 167 is overwhelming. . . . The woman's fight is now practically won, and it now remains for the House of Commons to settle the form in which the vote shall be given to women and to find the time to pass the Bill. . . . There is no other controversial Bill that could get such a majority in the present House of Commons. This is the seventh time a Woman Suffrage Bill has passed a second reading in the House of Commons. It is high time that the members of Parliament who support Woman Suffrage should be given an opportunity to give effect to their desire. If the expressed wish of such a great majority is not to be allowed to have effect, then representative government is a mockery. The fate of this Bill in the present session rests with the Government. The Prime Minister has given a definite pledge to provide facilities for a Woman Suffrage Bill in the present Parliament. Here is his opportunity. No such favourable chance of redeeming his pledge is likely to come in the remaining sessions of this Parliament. If the Insurance Bill goes to a Grand Committee there will be no measure of any great importance before the House itself. The Budget is not likely to be highly contentious this year. There is really no difficulty in the way of this Suffrage Bill being taken in hand by the Government and the necessary time provided. Several members of the Cabinet have expressed the view that facilities ought to be given during this session, and we look to them to use their influence with the Prime Minister to see that this is done. Meanwhile things are going well, and the women must restrain themselves for a little longer. Their friends in Parliament will do all that is possible to get facilities for the further stages of this Bill. If the Government really believe in the stuff they talk about the House of Lords they will see that in this matter of Votes for Women—for which there is a far bigger majority in the House of Commons than there is for the Parliament Bill, for Home Rule, for Welsh Disestablishment, for a Licensing Bill, or an Education Bill—"the Will of the People," as expressed by their representatives, shall prevail within the lifetime of the present Parliament.

Whether the majority of ratepaying women really want the vote or not is apart from the question, which is one of principle. They are entitled to the suffrage on the same ground that men are entitled to it, and all the objections raised yesterday against the measure did not affect the absolute right of qualified women to enjoy the franchise.

—Dundee Courier.

Such a majority in the new House is a great triumph for the principle of Votes for Women. It is clear that it constitutes a strong claim that early facilities should be found for the Bill, and that the present Parliament should see its passage into law.

—Methodist Times.

HOW TO HELP.

A correspondent suggests that a practical method of advertising the great procession of June 17 would be for each of the Local Unions to select one of their members to write to their townswomen, through the medium of the local papers, inviting them to join in the Demonstration. M. P. Wilkinson has already done this in one of the local papers in her locality. Will others follow her example?

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE IN COLORADO.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—Opponents of Woman's Franchise in England are said to be making great use of articles lately published in the *Ladies' Home Journal* by Mr. Richard Barry and some other American anti-suffragists. These articles are now entirely discredited in America among all well-informed persons.

Mr. Barry contributed to *Pearson's Magazine* for February, 1910, an article purporting to give facts that he had gathered about the Suffragists of New York. His article was marked by reckless inaccuracy. He described Mrs. Matilda Joselyn Gage as a "determined spinster." He said that Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch "put both her two daughters through Cornell University. One took a course in civil engineering, the other a course in blacksmithing." Mrs. Blatch has only one daughter. He said that the National Suffrage Association had moved its headquarters to New York City eighteen months before—he should have said five months—and had made Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont its honorary president. Mrs. Belmont at that time held no office in the Association whatever. She has since been made a member of its advisory board. The tone of Mr. Barry's article throughout was not only hostile to Woman's Suffrage, but venomous and abusive.

After Mr. Barry had thus proved himself to be both an inaccurate writer and a strong opponent of equal rights for women, he was engaged by the editor of the *Ladies' Home Journal*, another strong anti-suffragist, to go out to the enfranchised States and write an article describing the results of women's franchise. Mr. Barry did so, and presented a picture of unrelieved blackness. Since he undoubtedly wished to make out as strong a case against Woman's Suffrage as he could, it is significant that Mr. Barry did not try to point out any definite harm which it had done, but declared in the outset that his articles would be entirely devoted to showing the good that it had not done. His article has been denounced as a gross misrepresentation by almost every well-known man and woman in Colorado and almost every newspaper of standing. Ex-Governor Adams, of Colorado, declares that Barry's statements are "as untrustworthy as the scales of the Sugar Trust." Of some of his assertions the *Ladies' Home Journal* has had to publish a retraction.

For more than a year the editor of the *Ladies' Home Journal* has been trying to gather evidence against Woman's Suffrage in Colorado. He has offered a large price for an article in opposition; he has sent out two Colorado reporters, both male and female, to try to secure testimony against it; and in a recent issue he published short statements from nineteen Colorado women who do not favour the franchise. Only two of the nineteen say that it has done any harm. Ten say that they think it has not done any good; one that it has not done "any great good"; one that it has not "accomplished anything more than acting as a balance weight against erratic and radical (injurious) legislation"; and one says, "It might be more beneficial to more densely populated States, where child labour and equally harmful things are prevalent. But in Colorado we are not troubled that way." Several say that they have always been opposed to Suffrage and are of the same opinion still. One merely says: "In this country, where woman is man's equal, I cannot see the need of the woman's vote. In England, where the law is for man alone, one cannot blame the English woman for endeavouring to obtain equal rights."

After months of effort to find the blackest accusation against Woman's Suffrage for which any Colorado people will make themselves responsible over their own names, this is all that the editor of the *Ladies' Home Journal* has been able to unearth in a State covering 103,925 square miles! Is not this pretty clear proof that the disasters and calamities which were prophesied have not followed?

The *Denver Post* interviewed a number of prominent Colorado women as to their opinion of the worth of these nineteen utterances. From Mrs. Sarah Platt Decker down, their answers were, in substance, that the nineteen women in question, with two exceptions, had never done any public work or shown any interest in public questions, but devote their lives mainly to card playing and similar amusements. The only exceptions are Mrs. Goddard and Mrs. Hunter. Each of them has been displeased by the way in which the majority of the women have used their votes. Mrs. Goddard was strongly opposed to the re-election of Ben B. Lindsey, the famous Judge of the Denver Juvenile Court, whom the women saved from defeat after both of the great political parties, under the influence of the corrupt corporations, had marked him for political slaughter. A year ago Mrs. Goddard visited friends at Providence, Rhode Island, and gave an interview to the *Providence Journal*, in which she denounced Judge Lindsey in the strongest terms, declaring that he had broken every law on the statute book. She naturally does not approve the results of women's franchise.

Mrs. Hunter likewise has suffered a political disappointment through the women's vote. Last year each of the great parties in Colorado nominated a woman for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Most of the women thought that the Republican nominee was the better qualified for the position. Although the Democrats swept the State, the Republican woman was elected by a strong non-partisan movement of women, in which many of the leading Democratic women took part. Mrs. Hunter managed the campaign for the candidate who was defeated. It is natural that she also should not take a rose-coloured view of Woman's Suffrage. Judge Lindsey has said, "If you want a true account of the results of Woman's Suffrage, do not go to a disappointed politician."

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, a short time before her death, sent a circular letter to all the editors, all the Episcopal clergymen, and all

the Methodist, Baptist, Congregational, and Presbyterian ministers in our enfranchised States, asking whether the results of Woman's Suffrage were good or bad. She received 624 answers. Of these, 62 were unfavourable, 46 in doubt, and 516 favourable. This would seem to be conclusive as to the general sentiment in those States.—Yours, etc.,
ALICE STONE BLACKWELL,
Editor of the *Woman's Journal*.

WOMEN'S VOTE IN PORTUGAL.

In a letter referring to the triumph of Dr. Carolina B. Angelo, who, as stated in *VOTES FOR WOMEN* of May 5, has successfully established her claim to vote in the next Portuguese election, Miss Theresa Franco writes from Colvilha:—"The magistrate we all have to thank is the father of the pioneer of feminism in Portugal, Mme. Osorio, one of our leading writers. So that we have a woman voter now in Portugal, Dr. Carolina B. Angelo, and she is the first one in our country. I am glad to express to you how pleased I feel with your paper, and that since I receive it I make every week a synopsis of its capital news and translate them to be inserted in one of Lisbon's important daily papers. By this mail I am sending a postal order for renewal of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* and 'Woman's Secret,' by Elizabeth Robins."

THE SECOND READING.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—I was glad to see the list of M.P.'s voting for and against the Conciliation Bill, but I can add another name to the number who were unable to pair. The representative of this constituency, Mr. J. Wadsworth (Lab.) was ill and could not leave his home, and he wrote to me saying the Labour Whip informed him he was unable to find him a pair. Mr. Wadsworth may be placed on the list of supporters.—Yours, etc.,
DOROTHY BIRKS WARD.

Sheffield, May 12, 1911.

To the Editors of VOTES FOR WOMEN.

Dear Editors,—I see in this week's issue of *VOTES FOR WOMEN* you have my father's (Robert Cameron) name in the list of members who voted against the Conciliation Bill on May 5. As he has been a sincere and consistent supporter of Woman's Suffrage since the days of John Stuart Mill, and has steadily voted for it all through his Parliamentary career, I cannot (as a keen Suffragist) let this pass without a word of explanation. He did not "vote against" because he was away from home after an illness, and was paired. Most unfortunately it did not occur to him to pair afresh for our Bill, and as his pair was also a supporter of Suffrage, my father came out on the opposite side in the voting list—which he much regrets.—Yours, etc.,
AMY A. SWANKIE-CAMERON.

26, Queen's Mansions, Westminster, S.W.,
May 13, 1911.

Dear Editors,—Under the heading "M.P.'s who were Absent Unpaired," in last week's *VOTES FOR WOMEN* is the name of Sir J. H. Yoxall. Is not this a printer's error or a mistake in the classification? Sir James Yoxall would surely have paired if unforeseen circumstances prevented his attendance?—Yours, etc.,
[Sir James Yoxall's name was not included in any of the official lists.—ED. *VOTES FOR WOMEN*.]

Mr. Courthope, M.P. for Rye, has written to Mrs. Darent Harrison, the hon. secretary of the Hastings Suffrage Propaganda League, to point out that on May 5 he was paired in favour of the Bill, and did not, as reported, merely abstain from voting.

THE N.U.T. AND THE BILL.

Dear Editors,—We should all be grateful to "A Member of N.U.T." for the reminder that members of this organisation have, through their Parliamentary Secretary, a unique opportunity for approaching Members of Parliament. Mr. Ernest Gray is a supporter of the women's cause and I am sure would be only too willing to do all he can to help his late professional colleagues by pressing for facilities for the Conciliation Bill, but we cannot expect him to do this unless we have the good taste to ask his services. Some teachers seemed surprised that he has not moved independently in a matter affecting the dignity and political status of the larger half of the Union's members, but this should not prevent our doing him the courtesy of requesting his valuable assistance. But teachers should not be satisfied in writing to their Parliamentary Secretary only. Let them also write to Dr. Macnamara, Sir James Yoxall, and Mr. Frank Goldstone. Doubtless many teachers also are in touch with men of political influence locally. Let them see that no opportunity is missed for want of a letter or a word in season.—Yours, etc., H. WALKER.

CHURCH SOCIALIST LEAGUE.

At the annual Conference of the Church Socialist League held at Leeds on May 16, the Rev. Arnold Pinchard in the chair, Mrs. Lewis Donaldson proposed, and Mrs. Mansell Moullin seconded, that one of the objects of the League should be: To give practical effect in the world to the sex equality proclaimed by the sacraments of the Church.

Mrs. Lewis Donaldson pointed out that in the sacrament of Baptism the boy and girl were received into the Church in precisely the same manner, with the same marching orders, while the sacrament of Holy Communion is the Communal Meal binding alike on members of the Church of both sexes. Mrs. Mansell Moullin stated that the reason why women were leaving the Socialist movement was because they had lost sympathy with the men, who pined as being too generous to give them what they were asking for, and only offered them what they knew they could not get. She pointed out how illogical it was to accept piecemeal legislation about everything else and when a Woman's Suffrage Bill comes along to say "all or none." Let them be consistent and practical and work for sex equality as the first step towards complete emancipation of the whole people. After a discussion the resolution was carried by a majority of more than two to one.

CAMPAIGN THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

Organisers and local secretaries are reminded that reports are often delayed through being addressed to individuals at Clements Inn, instead of to the Editors. All reports intended for insertion in *VOTES FOR WOMEN* should be addressed "The Editors," and should reach the office not later than first post Monday morning. The word "Report" should be written in the left hand corner of the envelope.

W.S.P.U. General Offices: 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

During May almost every Religious body holds its annual conference in London. At these meetings it is most important that an opportunity should be given to their delegates of learning the truth about this movement. Lists of these meetings and also of other important functions to be held in London can always be seen at the Woman's Press or at the weekly meetings. Members are much needed to sell papers outside these meetings and are asked to give in their names and to say on which day they can help, week by week, at the London "At Home," or by postcard to Miss Craggs at the Woman's Press, 156, Charing Cross Road.

BALHAM & Tooting.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. H. Tyler, 16, Wontner Road, Balham.

By kind permission of Mrs. Yorke, a very successful business meeting was held at 2, Huron Road, on May 13. Much interest was shown by those present, and a local Union was formed. Members and sympathisers who intend to walk in the Procession of June 17 are asked to send in their names without delay to the Hon. Sec., as it is hoped to form a local contingent for the first time. Members who are taking part in other ways will

materially help this object by finding substitutes if possible. Miss Mills, 128, Bedford Hill, is lending her drawing-room for a Whist Drive on May 27; proceeds to go towards cost of Procession Banner. Tickets, 1s each, may be had of the Hon. Sec., who will also be very glad to hear from anyone willing to co-operate in the work of establishing this new branch. Offers of Drawing-rooms, large or small, will be especially welcome, as it is proposed to hold a series of Drawing-room meetings, if possible.

BARNES.

Hon. Organisers—Miss Smith, Mrs. Keeling, 9a, High Street.

Mrs. Crookshank has very kindly consented to give a drawing-room meeting. The date has not yet been fixed. It has been proposed to hold a Jumble Sale in order to raise funds for the local campaign. Goods of any description suitable for a Jumble Sale may be sent to the office. Members are reminded of the weekly meetings on Barnes Green on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

BARNET.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Susan Watt, 13, Stratford Road.

It is proposed that a small banner should be made for this Union to carry on June 17. Will any members and friends who can help in cutting out and sewing, etc., kindly communicate with Miss Maud Mace, Selborne, Hadley, Barnet, who will arrange the working parties. It is very necessary that Procession window-bills should be seen everywhere during the next four weeks. Members are asked to approach their tradespeople with regard to showing large or small bills, to be obtained from above address. Bill distributing is a much needed and very easy way of helping. Members should persuade as many friends as possible to come to London on June 17, and if possible to join this contingent. Remember that the paper is the best advertisement.

LONDON MEETINGS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK.

May.					
Friday, 19	3, Adelphi Terrace, Strand	Drawing-room meeting. Hostess:			
"	Chelsea, 308, King's Road	Mrs. Fisher Unwin	4 p.m.		
"	4, Clements Inn, W.C.	Percy White, Esq. Chair: Miss Naylor	5 p.m.		
"	Croydon, Katharine Street	Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.		
"	Sutton Fountain	Miss Leslie Hall	8 p.m.		
"	Dulwich Library	Miss I. Green	8 p.m.		
"	Forest Gate, Sebert Road	Miss Guthrie	7.30 p.m.		
"	Fulham Cross	Miss Gwen Richard	8 p.m.		
"	Harlesden, Manor Park Road	Miss Coombs, Miss Jacobs	8 p.m.		
"	Harrow Road, "Prince of Wales" (outside)	Miss L. Ainsworth. Chair: Mrs. Cullen	8 p.m.		
"	Mewell Hill, near Athenaeum	Miss C. Hopkins, Miss Shoults	8 p.m.		
"	New Barnet, Railway Arch	Miss West	7.30 p.m.		
"	North Islington, corner of Stroud Green and Hanley Roads	Miss Eleanor Fagg. Chair: Miss Darton	8 p.m.		
"	Tottenham Court Road	Miss Billing	12.30 p.m.		
"	Tower Bridge and Tooley Street	Miss E. W. Davison, Miss Bain	7.30 p.m.		
"	Walthamstow, 46, Second Avenue	Miss Weir	8 p.m.		
Saturday, 20	Chislewick, High Road	Miss East	8 p.m.		
"	Crouch End, Clock Tower	Miss Peek. Chair: Miss Pearce	8 p.m.		
"	Fulham, Shorlotts Road	Mrs. Cullen	8 p.m.		
"	Hamstead Heath		5.30 p.m.		
"	Ilford, Balfour Road		8 p.m.		
"	Islington, Holloway Road, Jones Brothers	Miss Lennox. Chair: Miss Fricker	8 p.m.		
"	Kilburn, Brondesbury Road	Miss Baillie-Guthrie, Miss Boulting	8 p.m.		
"	Lewisham, Shop, Rally	Members and Friends	4.30 to 7 p.m.		
"	Market Place	Mrs C. D. Townsend. Chair: Miss Lambert	7.30 p.m.		
"	Marble Arch	Miss Kathleen Jarvis	6 p.m.		
"	Putney, Monserat Road		8 p.m.		
"	Richmond, Fire Station		8 p.m.		
"	St. Pancras, Malden Road, and Essex Street	Miss Pearce, Miss Shoults	7.30 p.m.		
"	Walthamstow, foot of Second Avenue	Miss Mabel Atkinson. Chair: Miss Batson	7.30 p.m.		
"	Woolwich, Town Hall (outside)	Miss Naylor	8 p.m.		
"	Bereford Square	Miss Eliza Myers	8 p.m.		
Sunday, 21	Battersea Park	Miss Lennox, Miss Baillie-Guthrie	3 p.m.		
"	Clapham Common	Miss Barnell. Chair: Miss Bell	3 p.m.		
"	Baling Common	Miss Coombs. Chair: Mrs. Tidwell	3.30 p.m.		
"	Gladstone Park	Miss Wilding Davison. Chair: Mrs. Oliver Waite	5.45 p.m.		
"	Hamstead Heath	Miss Mabel Atkinson, M.A.	11.30 a.m.		
"	Hyde Park	Mrs. Brindley	3 p.m.		
"	Lewisham, Oxford Tram Terminus	Miss Haslam. Chair: Miss H. M. Townsend	6 p.m.		
"	Putney Heath	Reginald Pott, Esq.	6.30 p.m.		
"	Ravenscourt Park	Miss Agnes Kelly	3.30 p.m.		
"	Regent's Park	Mrs. Brailsford	3 p.m.		
"	Streatham Common	Mr. Victor Duval, Miss Hicks	3 p.m.		
"	Wimbledon Common	Miss Myers, Miss Fricker	8 p.m.		
Monday, 22	Camden Town, Cobden's Statue	Jumble Sale	3 p.m.		
"	Child's Hill	The Lady Isabel Margesson. Chair: Rev. E. Barson	8 p.m.		
"	Clapham, Morris Hall, North Street	Workers' Meeting	8 p.m.		
"	Croydon, Small Public Hall	Miss Peek	8 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Cather	7.30 p.m.		
"	"	Mrs. Robson, Miss Kinkaid	8 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Christabel Pankhurst, L.L.B., Sir John Rolleston, M.P., Mrs. Yida Goldstein	3 to 5 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Meacock, Mrs. Keeling	8 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Coombs	8 p.m.		
"	"	At Home	8 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Bonwick, Miss L. Gargett	8 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Myers, Miss Boulting	8 p.m.		
"	"	Mrs. Kranich. Chair: Miss Lowy	8 p.m.		
"	"	Members' Meeting	12 noon		
"	"	The Lady Isabel Margesson. Chair: The Venerable Archdeacon Escreet (of Lewisham)	8.15 p.m.		
"	"	Committee Meeting	5.30 p.m.		
"	"	Drawing-room Meeting, Mrs. Moore	3-5 p.m.		
"	"	Mrs. Steward	8 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Cullen	8 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Haslam	8 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Hicks. Chair: Miss Grant	3.30 p.m.		
"	"	Mrs. Cecil Chapman	7.30 p.m.		
"	"	Miss C. Hopkins, Miss Meakin	8 p.m.		
"	"	Mrs. Brindley	8.15 p.m.		
"	"	The Lady Isabel Margesson	8 p.m.		
"	"	Rose Party	2.30 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Margaret Thompson, Miss Decima Moore	3 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Bonwick	8 p.m.		
"	"	Mrs. Massey	3 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Billing	7.30 p.m.		
"	"	The Lady Isabel Margesson. Chair: F. P. B. Shipham, Esq., M.A.	8 p.m.		
"	"	Mrs. Pathlock Lawrence, Mrs. Mansell Moullin	8 p.m.		
"	"	Miss M. Cameron, Miss Leonora Tyson	3 p.m.		
"	"	Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Keeling	12 noon		
"	"	Speakers' Class, Miss Rosa Leo	7.45 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Peek	8 p.m.		
"	"	Mrs. Leigh	7.30 p.m.		
"	"	Mrs. Penn Gaskell. Chair: Miss Ellison	8 p.m.		
"	"	Mrs. Bouvier	8 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Naylor	7.30 p.m.		
"	"	Miss H. Garryett	12.30 noon		
"	"	Miss Ethel Haslam	8 p.m.		
"	"	Miss Richard	7.30 p.m.		

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, PROCESSION.

Form up Westminster Embankment at 4.30 p.m. Start 5.30 p.m. Demonstration, Albert Hall, 6.30 p.m.
Commencing Monday, May 29, The Monday Afternoon Meetings will again be held in the Queen's Hall.

ment. Shilling contributions to the Poster gratefully received from Mrs. Westaby and Mrs. Watt. A Speakers' Class was held at above address on Wednesday, May 10. The subject for next meeting will be "How Children will Benefit when Women have the Vote," due to be notified later.

CHLSEA, BATTERSEA, KENSAL TOWN.

Shop and Office—38, King's Road.
Hon. Sec.—Miss Hail and Miss Blacklock.
To-day (Friday) Mr. Percy White, the well-known author, will give an address on "Mid-Victorian Sentimentalism and its Evils" (see programme). The next At Home will, by the kindness of Miss Ellison, be held at 101, Beaufort Mansions, on Friday, June 2. Work for the great Procession on June 17 is now absorbing all energies. Miss Ellen M. Lloyd and Dr. Alice Benham have kindly undertaken work connected with the Nurses' Section. Members are very glad to welcome Miss Canning back. If this section is to be at all representative of the work done in Chelsea, members must come forward to help. The secretaries hope that no one will forget to add their name to the office list, as this will save canvassing. Mr. S. J. G. Hoare has promised to press the Prime Minister for further facilities for the Bill. Will Battersea members write to Mr. John Burns, asking him to do the same.

CLAPHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Strong, 84, Elipheth Road, Lavender Hill, S.W.
Jumble parcels are still badly needed and may be sent any time up to Saturday, May 20. The secretary earnestly appeals for helpers for the Jumble Sale (see programme). Workers are asked to be at the hall not later than 2 p.m. The doll, price 3s. 6d., and silk stockings (child's) at same price are on sale at 84, Elipheth Road. Will someone please purchase as funds are greatly needed to carry on Clapham Common meetings?

CROYDON.

Office—2, Station Buildings, West Croydon. Tel. 908 Croydon (Nat.). Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Cameron-Swan and Miss Leslie Hall.
The women ratepayers' canvass is now going forward. This is an important piece of work; hearty thanks to those members who are so willingly carrying it out. It is hoped that members taking part in the canvass will make every effort to get their costumes ready by May 22, as permission has been gained to have them displayed at the At Home on Monday next. Miss Hazel Inglis is in charge of the rose-making, and will be glad if members unable to attend the work parties will make them at home. Miss Julian is warmly thanked for her present of the copies of the Burgess Rolls. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Ames, 6s.; Mrs. Russell, 6s.; Miss Duley, 6s.; Lady Meyer, £1 6s.; Miss I. Green, £1 6s.; Mr. R. Pott, £1 6s. 4d.

DULWICH.

Organiser: Miss Markwick, 95, Grove Vale, East Dulwich.
The organiser thanks all members and friends for the help already given, and invites others to write to her and say what time they can give. There is a great deal to be done before the St. Barnabas Hall meeting on May 26, selling tickets, distributing handbills, displaying posters, chalking, and drawing-room meetings. Paper-sellers are also wanted, and if any member can even give a couple of hours a week will she write to Miss Markwick, who is trying to work up a pitch at Gooe Green. The Dulwich Library meetings on Fridays at 7.30, are becoming quite popular. A drawing-room meeting has been arranged for Saturday, May 27, at Dr. Gordon Clarke's, 104, Old Kent Road, and members are asked to send in names of Anti friends they wish invited.

EALING.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Finlay, 35, Warwick Road. Mrs. Fraser Forbes, 72, Argyle Road.
At the members' meeting on May 11 it was decided to send a copy of VOTES FOR WOMEN and a request to have a leaflet placed on the notice boards of the Cottage Hospital and five nursing institutions in Ealing. Grateful thanks to Mrs. Tidwell who has offered to supply the six papers for one year. Miss O. C. Hayes and Mrs. Tidwell are lobbying Ealing Member at the House of Commons this week. Drawing-rooms for meetings are urgently needed. Will members and friendly societies send in their names for the great Procession, June 17, to join the Ealing contingent?

FOREST GATE AND WEST HAM.

Office—137, Robert Road. Organiser—Miss Jeffcott.
A drawing-room meeting was given by Miss Hoxley last Friday, when Mrs. Haverfield spoke. Members' meetings will in future be held at the office on Thursdays, at 7.30 p.m. Members are asked to attend the open-air meetings, which have now commenced. Will all readers send Jumble Sale articles to Miss Hoxley, 329, High Street, East Ham? Gratefully acknowledged: Miss Dora Brown, £1; "A Friend in Paris," per Miss Morgan, 2s.; Membership fees—Miss Zachem, 1s.; Mrs. Ince, 1s.; and Mrs. Gurney, 6d.

FULHAM AND PUTNEY.

Shop—53, Fulham Road.
Hon. Sec.—Miss L. Cutten and Mrs. Roberts.
Several open-air meetings have been held this week, the speakers being Mrs. Oliver Watts, Miss Bowrick, Miss Richard, Miss Ella Myers and Mr. Reginald Pott. On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Purley-Smith gave an address on "Maternity Insurance." These afternoon meetings are held every Thursday at 3 p.m. (tea provided). The treasurer is particularly proud of the fact that this local Union raised £21 more than the Fulham Liberal Association did last year, especially as only £20 was raised locally by the Libs., whereas £208 was contributed to the W.S.F.U. by local effort. The banner sub-committee earnestly appeals for help at the work party (see programme). The shop-front has been cleaned and painted and the interior "spring-cleaned." Help at outdoor meetings, also towards expenses, is urgently needed. Will members please note change of time of Sunday meetings.

GREENWICH, DEPTFORD AND WOOLWICH.

Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Billingham.
7, Oakcroft Road, Blackheath, S.E.
The Woolwich Libraries Committee have accepted VOTES FOR WOMEN for their four libraries. A most successful meeting was held at Woolwich on Saturday evening, when Mr. E. Duval spoke to an interested audience and Miss Clifford (chair) made an excellent short speech on the Bill; 54 copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold. Members are reminded to send Jumble parcels for the sale to be held shortly in aid of the Banner Fund. Contributions to this fund will also be gratefully accepted. Friends should begin at once to canvass women likely to join the local contingent on June 17. Names should be sent in to Miss Billingham.

HACKNEY.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. F. W. Jones, 25, Pembury Road.
At a meeting held at 75, Lower Clapton Road, on Friday evening it was decided to form a Speakers' Class for members. On Tuesday evening a procession marched from Hackney Downs Station to Lea Bridge Road, where a gold watch of Dr. Wilks was sold by auction to pay her taxes. A large and sympathetic protest meeting was afterwards held. The resolution was carried unanimously.

HAMMERSMITH.

Shop and Office—10, Hammersmith Road. Organising Sec.—Mrs. E. L. Butler.
Work was started on the new banner last Tuesday evening. If local members are walking in the Procession, will they try to secure a substitute to walk in their local contingent? Please send in Jumble Sale parcels as quickly as possible. Will members kindly ask friends to contribute handbills of following: etc. Printed handbills asking for contributions can be obtained at the office. Miss Barry will be glad to hear of helpers for paper-selling.

HAMPSTEAD.

Shop—40, Heath Street. Office—184, Finchley Road. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Hicks and Miss G. Collier.
Large and interested crowds were addressed on the Heath on Sunday morning, May 7, by Mrs. Hicks, M.A., and on Sunday, May 14, by Miss Phyllis Ayrton. On Monday, May 8, at Child's Hill, the crowd of real working people much appreciated Miss Ballie Guthrie's speech. The committee invite all friends to visit the new shop at 178, Finchley Road, on Saturday, May 27. Tea will be provided in the afternoon, and it is hoped that everybody, who can do so, will bring a small saleable article as a "lucky" gift for this new centre. Miss Beatrice Harnden again hospitably invites all to a drawing-room meeting at her house on Wednesday, May 31.

HENDON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss M. G. Noble, Derby House, N.W.
The Hendon W.S.F.U. have been asked by headquarters to organise the neighbourhood of Golden's Green, and premises will shortly be opened. A members' meeting will be held at Derby House, Hendon, to-day (Friday) at 3.30, to discuss Procession arrangements.

ILFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Helen, 65, Cranbrook Road.
The meetings were splendidly attended this week. Mr. Bowden-Smith was the speaker on Saturday. In reply to a deputation of Ilford members, Sir John Bethell promised to support the resolution of the Conciliation Committee with regard to facilities for the Bill this session. Good needle-women wanted for banner.

ISLINGTON.

Office—97, Goswell Road, E.C. Hon. Sec.—Miss E. M. Casarley.
Will all members who intend to walk in the Islington contingent on June 17, please send in their names early? Mrs. Morrell has kindly offered her drawing-room for an afternoon meeting. Will anyone else follow her example? Workers are asked to give as much time as possible to the Union from June 1 to the day of the Procession. There will be work for all who will call at the office any time after 6 o'clock in the evening.

KENSINGTON.

Shop and Office—113, Church Street, Kensington, W. Tel. 3115 Western. Hon. Sec.—Miss Evelyn Sharp.
Members and sympathisers are to be congratulated on the energy they have shown in lobbying the two Kensington members of Parliament. As Mr. Burgoyne has shown in his letter to the *Indicator*, the communications he received on the subject were too numerous to be answered individually. He voted for the second reading of the Bill, a statesman-like course that was unfortunately not taken by the member for South Kensington—Lord O. and Hamilton. At the last meeting of the Kensington Borough Council, it was resolved by thirty votes to twenty-eight to reject the recommendation of the Local Purposes Committee to receive a deputation from suffragists, urging them to petition Parliament on behalf of facilities for the Conciliation Bill, and also one from anti-suffragists to show why they should not adopt this course. It is earnestly hoped that the auditorium of the Council Room (Town Hall) will be thronged with ratepayers on this occasion, Tuesday, May 23, at 8 p.m.; also that all municipal voters will urge their respective representatives on the Kensington Borough Council to support the Petition when the vote is taken. A large number of members turned out to sell papers and carry posters in Parliament Square both on the occasion of the second reading and of the visit of the Lord Mayor of Dublin; and Kensington was also well represented at the public banquet given to the latter. More paper-sellers are badly needed; will those who can give either regular or irregular hours apply at the shop? Drawing-room meetings to make the Procession known will make the labours of the committee far less arduous.

LEWISHAM.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Bouvier, 25, Mount Pleasant Road. Shop hours: 2 to 3 p.m. Thurs. 10.30 to 12.30 p.m. Shop and Office—107, High Street, Lewisham.
Large crowds listened to Mrs. Fogg and Mrs. Bouvier on Friday, at the Obelisk, and to Miss Lambert and Mrs. Bouvier on Sunday in the Market Place. Procession handbills were distributed. Will members and friends show window-posters and undertake to bill certain roads? Handbills and posters can be obtained at the shop. Will every member become a recruiting sergeant for the local contingent, and get as many friends as possible to join? Last year's banner must be renovated, and a sixpenny banner fund is now open. The secretary will be glad to receive contributions and names of VOTES FOR WOMEN sellers, banner bearers and others willing to be in the local contingent. Cards for the drawing-room meeting to be held on Thursday next can be obtained at the shop. Offers of drawing-rooms for meetings will be welcomed. More "Jumbles" are needed before the end of May. Two parcels gratefully acknowledged.

NORTH ISLINGTON.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Constance Bryant, 40, Tufnell Pl., N.
Miss Naylor addressed a splendid meeting at the Boston on Friday night. All copies of VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold out. Miss Bowrick's on Saturday, at Hornsey-road, was equally successful. Best thanks to the following committee members for their subscriptions towards the steps for the Strand Green meetings. Miss Jackson 5s.; Miss Hume 2s.; and Misses Dearn and Darton 1s. each. Also to Mrs. Dowdswell for her donation of 2s. Will all those non-working members who promised a small subscription the first week of every month please send in the same to Miss Jolly, 2, Ravenshoe Road, Hornsey. There will be a workers' meeting of urgent importance on Monday next (see programme). Will every member please attend if possible, as a great amount of business has to be discussed?

N.W. LONDON.

Office—215, High Road, Kilburn. Tel. 1123, Hampstead. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Penn Gaskell.

In the report of April 7, it was announced that the Kilburn Votes for Women Shop would in future be carried on under separate management, and that the Union as a Union would continue to handle political and propaganda work. The closing of the shop, therefore, will, of course, not affect the work of the Union, which will continue to be carried on in the offices (entrance by side door). Help in connection with the Bill, the Procession, and forthcoming meetings is urgently needed, and an appeal is made to all members to give their active help at this important juncture, especially to those members who have hitherto so kindly given time to assisting in the shop, and who will therefore now have more leisure for other work. At the Wednesday At Home, Mrs. Brailford's most interesting address was greatly appreciated. Will members and friends bear in mind, and make known as widely as possible, that on next Wednesday the subject will be "Marriage and Divorce." The programme will include a song and recitation, and tea is provided. Stewards are needed for Lady Isabel Margeson's meeting on Wednesday next, at 8 p.m., also paper-sellers for the Sunday meetings in Blackstone Park, which have now recommenced. Grateful thanks are given to that member who, by giving a whistle drive, has almost paid off the cost of the chairs. Also to Miss R. Myers and Miss L. Smith for very useful contributions of books to the library. As on former occasions, books will leave here to convey those walking in the Procession to the Embankment. Will those wishing for tickets—price 6d. each—please apply at once to the Hon. Secretary? Help the Jumble Sale by sending clothing and other articles.

PADDINGTON AND MARYLEBONE.

Shop and Office—50, Strand Street, W. Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Haverfield.
A great effort is being made to influence Paddington Town Council to receive a deputation of suffragettes

and representatives of the various Women's Suffrage Societies with regard to passing a resolution urging upon Mr. Asquith the necessity of granting facilities for our Bill this session. The Conservative and Unionist Franchise Association is doing the same work in Marylebone. Dr. Garrett Anderson has consented to represent the W.S.F.U. on that occasion, and it is hoped she will do the same for the Paddington deputation.

RADLETT.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. White, Gravels.
The open-air meeting on May 10, just beyond the Cattle Market in St. Albans, was well attended, and a dozen VOTES FOR WOMEN were disposed of. A full report will be found in the *Hertfordshire Post*. It is hoped to continue these Wednesday market meetings each week, and all members who can are urged to be present.

RICHMOND AND KNEW.

Hon. Sec.—Miss V. Slade, 5, Pagoda Avenue, Richmond.
The Castle Assembly Rooms meeting was a splendid success. Sir Rostace Piers, Bart., chaired and moved the resolution, which was seconded by the Princess Sophia Duleep Singh. The speakers were Hon. Mrs. Haverfield and Mr. Laurence Housman; and the audience was most enthusiastic, the resolution being carried with only three dissentients. Frank Willyang Willyang sang, Miss Dorothy Slade also sang, and Miss Keith recited; the meeting, though held in the best room in Richmond, entirely paid its own expenses. The usual meeting at the Fire Station on Saturday last was addressed by Miss Constance Hopkins, with Miss Bland in the chair.

STREATHAM.

Shop and Office: 1, Shrubbery Road, Streatham. Hon. Sec.—Miss Lenora Tyson.
Mrs. Cecil Holman has kindly promised to lend her drawing-room and garden for a series of meetings on the four Thursday afternoons preceding June 17. Miss Gwendolen Holman has promised to sing at the first At Home, on Thursday next (see programme). Members are specially requested to personally invite as many friends as possible for each of these At Homes; invitation cards may be obtained at the shop. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Smith last Saturday at the conclusion of a most enjoyable Whist Drive, which she so kindly arranged at her house. The prizes were all the handiwork of different members. Many thanks to Miss Margaret Bartels, who illuminated and framed very beautifully a poem by W. G. Henley; to Miss Evelyn Bousfield for a charming enamel of the W.S.F.U. medallion of the Sower; and to Miss Ada Ridley for a pretty little lithograph and illuminated verse. The scoring cards, which Miss Blackman had written entirely by hand, were much admired. Members are asked to place orders for chocolates (through Miss Ellison or Miss Tyson) with Mrs. Tyler; half profits come to Streatham, and half to the new Belham W.S.F.U., which has just been started, and which members will be most gratefully acknowledging: Mrs. Moore, £1 1s.; Mrs. Tyson, 1s.; Alaska, 3s. 6d.; collection Sundridge Park, £1 4s. 8d.; Miss B. Green, 10s.; Miss Blackman, promise of 6d. a week towards Shop Rent Fund.

SYDENHAM.

Shop and Office—94, Kirkdale. Organiser: Miss Miller.
Heartily thanks to Mr. Roberts for his help in transforming the shop, to Mr. Whitley for his help and the gift of a stamp for letters, Miss Frances Pollard for painting notices and posters, and to Miss Grady, who, besides giving practical assistance on all occasions, has given two dozen teaspoons. Members are reminded that the sale will be held in less than a fortnight and they are asked to send in their contributions. The Archbishop of Lewisham has very kindly consented to take the chair at Lady Isabel Margeson's meeting on Thursday next. A most successful evening is anticipated. Will members who have not yet done so kindly call at the office for tickets on sale or return? Many thanks to four friends from Bromley who assisted in paper-selling on Friday at the opening of the Festival of Empire. As so many members are taking part in the Festival Pageant, will sympathisers please help for the next few weeks?

WALTHAMSTOW.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. David Hine, Claremont House, 45, Second Avenue, Walthamstow.
A very successful At Home was held last Saturday at Trinity Lecture Hall. Mrs. Brailford gave an interesting address on "The Vote and Current Politics." Thanks to those who supplied the refreshments, and to the artists who contributed to the pleasant afternoon. Will all members do their best to support the Saturday evening meetings? Volunteers for paper selling are needed.

WIMBLEDON.

Shop and Office—9, Victoria Crescent, Broadway, Wimbledon. Tel. 1024, P.O. Wimbledon. Hon. Organising Sec.—Mrs. Lamartine Yates, Dorset Hall, Heron, Surrey.

The weekly public (free) meetings, held on Wednesdays at the Compton Hall, opened with a most interesting lecture by F. A. D. S. P. R. S., on "The Thoughts of a Biologist on Woman Suffrage." Next week Margaret Thompson will speak on "Eliza, both Barrett Browning and the Fight for Freedom," and Decima Moore will recite. Members are asked to distribute a definite number of handbills (obtainable from the shop) each week, and to make a point of attending, with at least one friend, each meeting at Compton Hall. Window bills and posters gladly supplied. The Local Union will form a distinct contingent in the Procession on June 17. Will members and friends intending to march send in their names at once to Mrs. Lamartine Yates and state whether they will start from and return to Wimbledon, so that arrangements can be made for railway accommodation? Every member will be needed to make the contingent worthy of its beautiful banner, and not one should fail to bring a sympathiser. Volunteers are required for selling the paper along the route. Tickets for the Albert Hall should be secured at once as they are selling rapidly. Excellent seats can be still obtained (2s. 6d., 1s. and 6d.) any Wednesday after the meetings at Compton Hall, or direct from Mrs. Lamartine Yates. Mrs. Pollard, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Dickinson, Mrs. Bacon, Mrs. Bather, Mrs. Dacre Fox, Miss Relfe, Mrs. Huggett, Mrs. Skeate, Mrs. Nuttall, Miss Lloyd, Miss Lanning Wheeler and Mrs. Dickinson are cordially thanked for help in various ways. Details re monthly teas next week.

Home Counties.

BEDFORD.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Billingham, 45, Tavistock Street.
A very successful Jumble Sale was held last Thursday in aid of the funds. Will all members and friends who would like to take part in the Bedford contingent on June 17 kindly communicate with the hon. secretary at once? There are still a few 6d. Albert Hall tickets for sale. As the excursion fare is only 3s. 6d. it is hoped that as many as possible will avail themselves of it to join the Procession that day.

BRIGHTON, HOVE AND DISTRICT.

Office—4, North Street, Quadrant. Tel. 363 Nat. Organiser: Miss G. Allan.

Thanks to the generous energy of a member, London speakers have been engaged for the Saturday Sea Front meetings for four weeks. The first of these week-end visitors, Mrs. Mary Leigh, addressed on Saturday, May 13, a large and deeply interested audience. The organisers would remind members that she is still in need of paper-sellers, also that members wishing to avail themselves of the excursion to London on June 17 should communicate early with her. As Secretary's meeting the discussion will be on the second part of the Government's Insurance Bill.

CANTERBURY AND SOUTH KENT.

Organiser—Miss F. E. M. Wace, County Hotel, Canterbury.
Members and friends in Tunbridge Wells and the neighbourhood are urgently asked to work for the success of Mrs. Lawrence's coming meeting (see below). All particulars can be had from the organiser, 8, Meadow Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells. Useful work was done at the business meeting, kindly held by Mrs. Harverson at 8, Mayfield Road, Boyne Park, last Tuesday afternoon. Miss Durham kindly consented to act as steward marshal, while the Misses Wedgwood are taking charge of literature and tickets. Will all who can take tickets to sell? (Reserved, numbered, 2s.; unreserved, 1s.; back of hall, 6d.; gallery, 3d.) A capital beginning was made last Friday and Saturday with selling the paper in the streets by the Misses Wedgwood, Miss Woodley and Miss Davis, while in Folkestone Miss Nicoli and the Misses Key, and in Canterbury Mrs. Jones and Miss Hawkins, did the same valuable work. The Misses Wedgwood have paid for a W.S.F.U. Poster to be exhibited for 6 months at Tunbridge Wells S.H. Station. Friday, May 19.—Tunbridge Wells, The Links, Rust-hall Park. Hostess: Mrs. Davis, 3 p.m. Monday, May 22.—Tunbridge Wells, The Hamlet, 37, Madra Park, Drawing-room meeting. Hostesses: The Misses Wedgwood, 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 23.—Tunbridge Wells, Great Hall, Mrs. Fethick Lawrence. Chair: The Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, 8.15 p.m.

EASTBOURNE.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Sibella Jones, 10, Southfields Road.
Members are reminded that on Thursday next Miss Allen, of Brighton, will address the usual fortnightly meeting. Members are asked to bring friends. Eight dozen VOTES FOR WOMEN were sold last week. More paper-sellers are needed.

MAIDSTONE, NORTH KENT, AND ISLE OF THANET.

Organiser—Miss Laura Ainsworth, 21, Oxford Street, Margate.

Members and friends intending to go to London on June 17 are asked to communicate with the organiser. Special train facilities are being made. Thanet must be well represented; it has its own banner designed and executed by Miss Wilson. The organiser has a few 6d. Albert Hall tickets left; early application is necessary. The meeting in Margate announced for May 25 has been postponed. Will all members please note the open-air meetings and make a point of attending, as much work can be done by enrolling new sympathisers, taking collections, and selling the paper. The Misses Gundry (Gillingham) are to be congratulated on their paper selling; the poster made quite a sensation. Miss Gundry, 32, Stuart Road, Gillingham, has kindly offered to take up the secretaryship. Will all friends in the neighbourhood who can help in any way please communicate with her? Will members in Chatham and Gillingham who have not yet replied about the banner please do so at once? Miss Warren, assisted by Mrs. Redfern, has kindly undertaken to increase the sale of the paper through the bookstalls. Any member who can help them by sending names of likely regular subscribers are asked to do so. The organiser appeals strongly for the following help in all parts of North Kent and Thanet: Paper-sellers, drawing-room and garden meetings, and financial help to extend the work. £50 is needed for the summer campaign. Will friends please send all offers of help to Miss Ainsworth, at above address. Monday, May 22.—Margate, Zion Place, 7.30. Wednesday, May 24.—Margate, Cecil Square, 7.30. Thursday, May 25.—Gravesend, Clock Tower, 7.30. Friday, May 26.—Chatham, Town Hall (outside), 7.30.

PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHAMPTON.

Organiser—Miss C. A. L. Marsh, 4, Pelham Road, Portsmouth, and 61, Oxford Street, Southampton.
Members must work hard to swell the local contingent on June 17. If each member realises her responsibility for the size of contingent, each town will be well represented. Miss Marsh has balcony tickets (reserved, 6d.); please apply at once. Railway tickets from Portsmouth if bought beforehand from the organiser only cost 4s. (return). Negotiations are still going on for a train from Southampton, and it has been suggested that it should start from Bournemouth and proceed to London via Southampton, Basingstoke, Winchester and Basingstoke, picking up processionalists the way. (See next week's VOTES FOR WOMEN.) Members are reminded to push the sale of the paper. Also to apply to the hon. sec. (Miss Peacock in Portsmouth and Miss Cumberland in Southampton) for membership cards to increase the roll. Friday, May 19.—Portsmouth, Town Hall Square, 7.30. Monday, May 22.—Southampton, 61, Oxford Street, Procession meeting, 7.45. Tuesday, May 23.—Clock Tower, 7.30. Wednesday, May 24.—Southampton, Kingsland Square, 7.30. Thursday, May 25.—Portsmouth, near St. Mary's Church, 7.30.

RAYLEIGH.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Warren, B.A., The White Cottage.
Members are wanted to deliver Procession leaflets in Rayleigh and outlying districts. Who will offer to do this? The hon. secretary hopes that every member who can walk in this great Procession, and bring friends. Return fare (train returning midnight), 2s. 8d. Subscriptions are invited towards the Albert Hall banner. For the present meetings are being held at the Library on Tuesdays, at 8.15 p.m.

READING AND NEWBURY.

Shop and Office: 34, Market Place. Organiser—Miss Stella Pitt.
A special banner is being designed for Reading and Newbury to be carried on June 17, and all members and sympathisers are asked to subscribe. It is essential that a big contingent should go from Reading, and the organiser will arrange that those living in the neighbourhood who cannot get home by the last train on June 17 shall be put up for the night. Help is urgently needed at the office in working up the numbers for this occasion. There will be a good collection of saleable goods coming in for the Jumble Sale now? Will any kind member house the supplies till the date for the sale is fixed? Saturday, May 27.—Twyford, Main Street, Miss Gwen Richards, Chair; Mr. Kenneth Scott.

REDHILL.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Richmond, Pangloss House.
Members and friends are now busy working at their Procession dresses for the great Procession on June 17. All interested, or desiring to take part, please communicate with the secretary without delay. Will every member engaged in an official capacity make it a point of honour to secure a substitute for the local contingent so that Redhill shall be well represented? Miss Wright has been appointed Procession sergeant. Distributors are needed for advertisement handbills. Wednesday, May 24.—Carlton Road, 7 p.m.

SOUTHEND AND WESTLIFTON-ON-SEA.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Sky, 25, Cliffdown Road.

Arrangements are being made for the holding of open-air meetings every Saturday at 3 and 8 outside the Technical Schools. Speakers from headquarters.

The Midlands.

BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT.

Office—57, John Bright Street, Tel. 1433 Midland. Organisers—Miss Dorothy Evans and Miss Gladys Haas.

Successful drawing-room meetings have been held by Mrs. Durant, Mrs. Brockhouse and Mrs. Goodman, and a record number of new members made this week.

Many thanks to those friends who held members' meetings in their houses. Arrangements have been made with the railway companies to put on special trains to London on June 17. Return fare from Birmingham, 6s. Further particulars will be found elsewhere. In order that no one shall stay away because of the expense, a special "Fare Fund" is being opened, all who can are asked to contribute. King's Heath and Northfield members have kindly undertaken to design and make a new banner; as, however, the materials are expensive, a 1d. tax is being levied on members. An order of commitment has been out for Miss Evans since before Easter for refusing to pay her dog licence and the 1s. fine imposed. Last Saturday she was suddenly arrested and taken to Winson Green goal for seven days. Members are asked to give in their names for the Procession if they have not already done so.

Tuesday, May 23.—Hadley, Ombereley Schools, Miss Douglas Smith, Miss K. Margeson, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24.—Drawing-room Meeting, Miss Evans.
Holehouse: Miss Cottrell, 8 p.m.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

Office—14, Bowling Green Street, Leicester.
Tel. 1718 Leicester.

Organiser—Miss Dorothy Pethick.

It has been arranged to go by the Midland Railway half-day excursion on Saturday, June 17, leaving Leicester 12.25. Members are asked to meet at the Shop from 11 to 11.30, and form up and march to the station via Horsefair Street and London Road under the new silk banner. Contributions towards the cost of the banner are invited and should be paid to Mrs. Pemberton Peake. Indoor meetings are discontinued for the present, but members are earnestly invited to attend the open-air meetings, and to meet at the Shop at 7.30. There is room for much real good work to be done over the Municipal canvass. Please call at the Shop and get information and instructions. The lending library is now in full swing, and any books from the Shop can be had for 1d. a week, and new books, e.g., "Woman and Labour," "Party System," etc., at 3d. per week.

Tuesday, May 23.—Banner Sewing Meeting, 3 to 8 p.m.; Melton Turn, Open-air Meeting, 8.30 p.m.
Friday, May 26.—Banner Sewing Meeting, 3 to 6 p.m.

RETFORD.

Shop—St. John Street.

Hon. Secs.—Miss Barker and Nurse Harmer.

Paper-sellers are badly needed, 150 papers being sold every week, and members and friends are asked to come forward and increase this number. Miss Harmer addressed the Adult School, Workmen's Institute. The debate was interesting and thoroughly enjoyable.

West of England.

BATH.

Shop—12, Walcot Street, Bath.

Hon. Organiser—Mrs. Mansel.

The last indoor meeting took place on Saturday last when Miss Campbell took the chair, and Mrs. Dove-Willcox was the speaker. All were much interested in her experience of lobbying for the further progress of the Bill, and determined to back up the demand for "effective facilities" by joining in the great demonstration on June 17. Several tickets for the Albert Hall were sold. Gratefully acknowledged: Mrs. Hart, £1, and the offer to pay expenses for one or two who would otherwise be unable to go; also 2s. 6d. to the Self-Denial Fund from Mrs. Bustace Mansel. Outdoor meetings will be held every Thursday. Friends and sympathisers are concentrating on bringing pressure on M.P.'s to vote for the resolution expressing the desire of the House to proceed further with the Bill.
Friday, May 26.—Shop, At Home, 4 p.m. Twerton, Mrs. Mansel, 7 p.m.

BRISTOL.

Office—37, Queen's Road, Clifton. Tel. 1948.

Organiser—Miss Annie Kenney.

Big posters are being displayed in North Bristol. Mr. Birrell's constituency. They read: "Votes for Women in 1911. Read what the Rt. Hon. Augustine Birrell, K.C., M.P., said to an Irish deputation" (the words quoted by Miss Pankhurst on p. 512, *VOTES FOR WOMEN*, May 5, follow), and an appeal is made to the electors to remind their Member of his pledge. Over £315s. was given at the Victoria Rooms At Home to clear the expenses of printing these posters. Arrangements are being made for a large contingent for the Procession of June 17 from Somerset, Dorset, Devon, Wiltshire and Cornwall. Will all who wish to join write to their local secretary or to Miss Annie Kenney at once to give some idea as to numbers. For railway arrangements see p. 550. Every member and sympathiser of the movement should march, and urge others to do the same. Those anxious to secure tickets (price 2s. 6d. and 6d.) for the Albert Hall meeting should do so at once. More parcels are needed for the Jumble Sale; send to Mrs. Malcolm Evans, 7, Alexandra Road, Clifton. The organiser wishes to make an appeal for financial help: £200 is wanted at once. Will 100 members or sympathisers in the West of England send £2 each? If members and sympathisers respond to this appeal for money, it will lighten the heart of the organiser and give her a greater opportunity of spreading the movement.
Monday, May 22.—Victoria Rooms, 3.30 p.m.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

Office—5, Oriol Road, Cheltenham. Tel. 1071.

Organiser—Miss S. Ada Flatman.

Every member must write to the M.P.'s for Gloucestershire urging them to be in their places and vote for the further stages of the Bill. Miss Fergusson is again kindly lending her house on Saturday afternoon at 3.15 for a members' meeting. It is of the utmost importance that every member be present, as a local union will be formed to carry on the work. The organiser hopes to have several drawing-room meetings or garden parties the first week in June, beginning June 5. Will those ladies who can arrange these let the organiser know at once, so that a speaker may be secured? She would also be glad to hear from someone who will lend her a conveyance for two mornings a week. Those intending to travel to London for the great demonstration on June 17 should send in their names without delay. Albert Hall tickets, price 2s. 6d., must be secured at once. The organiser is not responsible for members getting seats, unless they apply immediately. Many thanks to Mrs. Percy Gibbons, also to Doris Gibbons, for their efficient help. Will members having friends in Bvesham or Broadway please write to Miss Flatman?

ILFRACOMBE AND BARNSTAPLE.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer—Mrs. du Sautoy Newby, St. Mary's, Broad Park Avenue, Ilfracombe.
Hon. Lit. Secretary—Miss Ball, Nursing Home, Larkstone, Ilfracombe.

Some members are taking part in the great Procession, June 17. It is hoped others from this neighbourhood will go up with them. Arrangements are being made for an excursion to London. Please apply to hon. sec. for particulars. Local papers have had paragraphs and published letters referring to the Women's Suffrage Bill, and the *Ilfracombe Gazette*, of May 12, had a splendid notice, drawing their readers' attention to the wonderful majority by which the Bill passed its second reading, and pointing out that the Government must, after what they have said, give facilities this session. Acknowledged with thanks, Miss Bandal, 2s. 6d.

WEST WILTS.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Dove-Willcox; Miss B. Gramlich, Springfield, Hilgerton Road, Trowbridge.

The attention of members is now concentrated upon the Procession of June 17. Albert Hall tickets, reserved seats 2s. 6d., and unreserved 6d., can be obtained of Miss Gramlich. Members are advised to secure their

tickets immediately. A day excursion is being run from Bristol, returning same night, which will stop at Trowbridge and Chippenham for Wiltshire members. Will members give every available moment to advertising the Procession, and the help of those who are skilled at embroidery is solicited for the banner, which is to be very beautiful. Working parties for this purpose will be held at Springfield. Should another deputation to the Prime Minister be necessary, it is to be hoped West Wilt will be represented. Names of those wishing to join should be sent to Miss Pankhurst, 4, Clements Inn, Strand, W.C.

Wales.

Organiser—Miss Rachel Barrett, 56, Clarence Place, Newport.

This week members have concentrated on bringing pressure to bear on members of Parliament in order to obtain facilities for the Bill. Any readers who have not already written to their Member are asked to write without any loss of time and to get others to do the same. Albert Hall tickets, 2s. 6d. and 6d., can be obtained from the above office. All members from Wales are to march in the Welsh contingent, and as many as possible are to wear Welsh costume. It is hoped that all patriotic Welshwomen will see to it that a really big contingent comes up from Hen wlad y Nhadau. Those wishing to join should write at once to the organiser.

NEWPORT.

Office—44, Clarence Place, Newport.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Humphrey Mackworth.

Members in this district are much pleased with the action of the Newport Town Council in passing a resolution approving of the Conciliation Bill and calling upon the Prime Minister to grant facilities for its passage into law. On May 12 a meeting of members and sympathisers was held at the Shaftesbury Café when Miss Barrett spoke. The hundreds of letters sent out this week have cost several pounds. The organiser will gratefully receive any subscriptions towards defraying this expense. Will all members and sympathisers send clothes and any household goods which they do not want to the shop in time for the sale (see below), and also collect from their friends? On July 15 Mrs. Watts, of the Friars, has very kindly lent her garden for a sale of work in aid of the Newport Local Union. Contributions can be sent in to Miss Fontaine at the office.
Tuesday, May 23.—Archibald Street Mission Room, Jumble Sale.

Eastern Counties.

CLACTON-ON-SEA.

Shop—47, Rosemary Road.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Lilley, Holland House.

Will members and sympathisers who are able to join the Procession on June 17, please send in their names to the secretary as soon as possible, so that arrangements may be made for cheap fares. Open air meetings will be held in the Town on Saturday. It is hoped members will bring friends to support the speaker, Miss Wentworth.

IPSWICH AND DISTRICT.

Shop—4a, Princes Street, Ipswich.

Organiser—Miss Grace Roe, 19, Silent Street, Ipswich.

Shop Sec.—Miss King.
Members have done splendid work during the week. Thanks chiefly to Miss Ada Ridley, a letter-urging facilities for the Bill, signed by a majority of town councillors, J.P.'s, leading clergymen and ministers has been sent to the Prime Minister. A copy has also been forwarded to the local M.P.'s and the Cabinet. Another letter has been sent to Mr. Silvester Horne, M.P., urging him to vote for the Conciliation Committee's resolution, signed on behalf of the local W.S.P.U., W.F.L., N.W.S.S. and I.L.P. "Special letter asking for facilities for the Bill was taken by express messenger to Lord Haldane, and presented to him during luncheon at Ipswich last Saturday, and signed by six prominent local W.S.P.U. members who also belong to the V.A.D. and St. John Ambulance. Lord Haldane made special reference to this letter in his speech on opening the Drill Hall. Everyone was delighted to have the pleasure of an address from Mrs. Pethick Lawrence at the Lyceum Theatre last week. Ipswich members are indebted to the A.P.L. and specially to Miss Winifred Mayo for organising two delightful plays which were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to Madame Edith Baird, who is to be heartily congratulated on the success of her children's ballet, which was carried out in the W.S.P.U. colours and won great applause from a most appreciative audience; also to Mr. Lewis Taylor, for kindly conducting a local ladies' orchestra. The ticket money amounted to £245 3s. 8d.; tea, programmes, &c., £13 18s. 3d.; making a total of £258 12s. 1d. Margaret Fison is organising a literature stall at the Industrial Exhibition, Spa Pavilion, Felixstowe, during the week. Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex members taking part in the June Procession are asked to communicate with the organiser immediately.

North-Eastern Counties.

BRADFORD AND DISTRICT.

Office—68, Manningham Lane, Phone 4938.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Beidon, 2, Walmer Villas.

The first afternoon tea was held last Monday, May 8, and was a splendid success; it proved an excellent opportunity for the arranging of work. At a members' meeting on Saturday, May 13, a unanimous resolution was passed, urging the Premier and Cabinet Ministers to give facilities this session for the passing of the Conciliation Bill. Mrs. Bompas has received a goodly number of names for the Procession for June 17. She will be glad to hear as soon as possible from others who wish to go.

Friday, May 19.—Heaton, Rossfield School, Nurses' Meeting, Miss Campbell, Dr. Margaret Dobson.
Monday, May 22.—Shop, Tea, 4 to 6 p.m.

HALIFAX.

Hon. Sec.—Dr. Helena Jones, 3, Rhodesia Avenue.

A box has been secured in the Albert Hall for Halifax. Will members wishing for tickets, price 2s. 2d., apply at once to Dr. Jones? There are also a few balcony tickets at 6d. The excursion leaves Halifax (Old Station) at 7.1 a.m. on June 17, returning at 12.25 a.m. from King's Cross. Fare, 11s.

LEEDS.

Organiser—Miss Mary Phillips, 63, Great George Street.

This has been a week of renewed activity in Leeds. Miss Sedman, at the head of a band of workers, including Mrs. Swales, Mrs. Dickinson, Miss Walker and Miss Quin, sold fifty *VOTES FOR WOMEN* on Sunday at the May Day Demonstration. Many letters have been written to local M.P.'s. An enthusiastic band of members attended to hear Miss Adela Pankhurst last Friday evening, and many practical promises of help were received. Miss Sedman has begun to collect monthly subscriptions, from 6d. upwards, and has got a good number of promises. Will all who can join this scheme please communicate with Miss Sedman, 10, Lumley Walk, or with the organiser? It has been decided to concentrate as far as possible on Mr. Rowland Barran's division (North Leeds) as he is an "anti" member. Will any member living in the division, who is able to help with canvassing, arranging open-air meetings, lending drawing-rooms for meetings, paper-selling, canvassing, or in any other way, please communicate with the organiser? Tickets are now on sale for the meeting on May 29, to be addressed by Mr. Pethick Lawrence and Dr. Marion Mackenzie. Prices: 1s., 6d. and 3d. They may be had at above

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addresses on sale or return, and are on sale at Messrs. Bean and Son's, 17, Boar Lane, and of members of the Union. Miss Bertha Doyle has very kindly promised to design and stencil, with Mrs. Perkins' help, a banner for the section in the Procession. Eight shillings is needed to pay for the Leeds banner to be hung in the Albert Hall. The organiser will be glad to receive contributions. A few tickets still remain, at 2s. 2d. and 6d. Will all processionists please note that they travel by G.N. train leaving at 7.50 a.m. instead of by Midland as announced last week, the time of departure being more convenient.
Monday, May 22.—63, Great George Street, At Home, Miss Mary Phillips, 3 to 6 p.m.; Members' Meeting, 7.30 p.m.

NEWCASTLE AND DISTRICT.

Office—77, Blackett Street.

Organiser—Miss A. Williams.

Members who are hesitating about going to London on June 17 because of the expense will be glad to learn that an excursion train will leave the Central Station at midnight on Friday, arriving St. Pancras 8 a.m.; Saturday morning, and leaving St. Pancras about midnight, Saturday, June 17. Return fare, 13s. Those requiring hospitality must write to Miss B. E. Smith, 4, Clements Inn, as soon as possible. During the summer months the indoor meetings at Jarrow, Gateshead and South Shields will be discontinued and out-of-door meetings will be held instead. The organiser will be glad to have meetings arranged for her in drawing-rooms and halls. Members who have bicycles could hold meetings in outlying districts. There is work for all—selling papers, getting new members, bringing sympathisers and non-sympathisers to the meetings, and by making the meetings well-known. Miss Barbara Wylie's address on Wednesday, May 10, were very much appreciated by her audience. After May 31 the Wednesday afternoon meetings will be discontinued until October. Meetings have been held during the week in Jarrow and Gateshead.
Wednesday, May 24.—77, Blackett Street, At Home, Miss Annie Williams, 3.30 and 7.30 p.m.
Friday, May 26.—Brunton, Drawing-room Meeting, Hon. Mrs. Haverfield, Miss Annie Williams. Hostess: Mrs. Burns.

SCARBOROUGH.

Shop: 30, Huntriss Row.

Hon. Sec.—Miss Saffell, 13, New Queen Street.

Hon. Treas.—Dr. Marion Mackenzie, 7, The Valley.

The usual weekly meeting on Wednesday was crowded out to hear Dr. Marion Mackenzie speak on "The Social Evil." Financially, and from a point of view of propaganda, the meeting was a great success. Will all members who purpose joining the Procession on June 17 please notify the secretary at once? Many thanks to Miss Wigney for taking the responsibility of the making of the procession banner. Paper-sellers are urgently needed, as it is so important to make a special effort at the present crisis to bring the paper to the notice of the public. Who will volunteer?

YORK.

Office—3, New Street. Organiser—Miss Kay Jones.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Coultate, 33, Melbourne Street.

The jumble sale was most satisfactory, and the sum of nearly £25 was the result. Best thanks to all the members, friends, and sympathisers who so kindly sent goods, also to Sister Ferens, the Misses Fairweather, Hicks, Hyde, Alice, Clara, and Agnes Saffell, Iva Hill, Dorothy Lamplough, Dorothy Smallwood, and Mr. Harry Coultate for assisting the organiser and hon. secretary during the sale. The hon. secretary feels particularly grateful to Miss Clara and Miss Agnes Saffell for their indefatigable labour and the untiring help they gave her in advertising, marking goods, and preparing for the sale. An important item will be the advertising of the great Procession (June 17). Everybody must know of it, and as many as possible be induced to join. York must be well represented.

North-Western Counties.

BIRKENHEAD.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. A. E. Abraham, 2, Kingsmead Road, 5.

A very successful and well attended open-air meeting was held on Saturday, May 13. Miss Patricia Woodcock and Dr. Ker spoke and 43 papers were sold. The women municipal voters have been canvassed by the W.S.P.U. and the National Society. Thanks to all helpers in this work. Over 900 signatures were forwarded to the Town Council, which passed the resolution in favour of the Bill on Wednesday, May 3.

HALE, ALTRINCHAM, AND DISTRICT.

Hon. Sec.—Mrs. Wild, 54, Lock Road, Altrincham.

An enthusiastic public meeting was held in Dunham Road School on May 11, Miss Margaret Hewitt in the chair. Miss Alice Hughes gave an interesting address on "The Effects of the Vote on Working Women," showing the inequality to women of the Chancellor's unemployment and invalidity scheme, which was very instructive. It was decided to hold open-air meetings at short intervals. A fair amount of literature and *VOTES FOR WOMEN* were sold.

LANCASHIRE.

Head Office—17, St. Ann's Square, Manchester. Tel.: 1910 Central. Organiser—Miss Stephenson.

At Friday's At Home Mr. Hall gave a splendid address on the "Evolution of the Land System." To-night Mr. Thomas Forsyth has promised to speak on "Co-operation." Arrangements are being made for a special train to leave Manchester at about 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, returning 12.15 midnight, fare 11s. Fuller details will be given later. Miss Stephenson would like names of all able to take advantage of this as soon as possible. Miss Vida Goldstein has promised to speak at a drawing-room meeting in Manchester, probably on May 26. Tickets for the dramatic performance on May 26, at which Mr. Henry Austin is arranging to give two plays, are now on sale at the office, price 1s. 6d. As these are limited early application should be made. The exact date of the proposed garden fête cannot be given this week. Miss Horniman, if in town, has promised to open it. Help will be wanted for the stalls, tennis tournament, concert, etc., goods should be sent to the office at once. Batches of clothes, etc., for the Jumble Sale will be thankfully received. It is proposed to form an amateur dramatic club for the performance of Suffrage plays. Will all interested please write or call at the office. Will all

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Friday, May 19.—Manchester, 17, St. Ann's Square, Mr. Thomas Forsyth, Miss S. J. Stephenson, 7.30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20.—Stretford, Cork Hotel, Miss Bertha Lee, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 22.—Chotham Hill, Conservative Club (outside), Miss Capper, Miss Brannan, 7.30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 23.—Manchester, 17, St. Ann's Square, At Home, 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday, May 24.—Speaker's Class, 6.45 p.m.
Thursday, May 25.—Tib Street and Market Street, Miss Capper, Miss Brannan, 7.30 p.m.
Friday, May 26.—The Dalton Studios, 23, John Dalton Street, Dramatic Performance, 8 p.m.

PRESTON, ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA AND DISTRICT.

Organisers—Mrs. Rigby, 41, Glover's Court, Preston; Miss Johnson, the Hydro, Lytham.

Many thanks to all who have so generously contributed to the Jumble Sale and to Miss Kirkby, of Woking, particularly. All inquiries as to details of excursions from Preston to London for Procession, June 17, should be written to Mrs. Edith Rigby, 23, Winkley Square, Preston. Members are using the week-end excursion for 22s., and go by train leaving Preston at 5.45 a.m. on Saturday, arriving in London at 10.50 a.m., returning by any train on the Sunday or Monday.

ROCHDALE.

Office—2a, Bailie Street. Hon. Litt. Sec.: Mrs. M. Stott, 10, Mayfair Gardens, Rochdale.

There was a very good meeting last week, when Miss Margaret Hewitt spoke. Will the members attend as often as possible, as it is a great help to the speakers? The secretary will be glad to have names for the Demonstration on June 17 as soon as possible.

SOUTHPORT.

Office—1, Post Office Avenue, Lord Street. Hon. Sec.—Ethel Ashby.

Last Saturday's meeting was most satisfactory. Miss Stephenson (from Liverpool) was the chief speaker and dealt very clearly with the question of equal pay for equal work. Miss Cowen gave a short address from the chair and the papers sold well. Will all members and friends wishing to join the Procession communicate with the secretary as soon as possible.

Tuesday, June 20.—Shore Meeting, Mrs. Avery, 5.30 p.m.

WALLASEY.

Hon. Secs.—Mrs. Mahood, Bursough Bridge, Lancs; Mrs. F. Heathcote, 21, Martins Lane, Liscard.

The discussion on Monday, May 8, at 1, Mainwaring Road, on "The Second Reading of the Women's Bill," was, as usual, most interesting, and splendidly attended. Mrs. Mahood led, and Miss Lee made a capable chairwoman. Miss Turner's rendering of "The Woman's March," by Dr. Ethel Smyth, was thoroughly enjoyed, over thirty copies being sold and more ordered. As so many members are walking with the Civil Servants it has been decided not to have a separate banner this time, but "Wallasey" put on the Liverpool one. On Monday next, May 22, Mrs. John Edwards has kindly promised to come over from Liverpool and read her paper on "The Spiritual Side of the Women's Movement." As this is the last of the indoor meetings at present, will all the members do their utmost to be present and bring as many anti's as they can. Monday, May 22.—1, Mainwaring Road, Mrs. John Edwards, Mrs. Mahood, 8 p.m.

Scotland.

DUNDEE AND EAST FIFE.

Office—61, Nethergate. Organiser—Miss Fraser-Smith, N.A. Hon. Sec.—Miss McFarlane.

Open-air meetings have begun in earnest. Last Wednesday, at the Foot of Hilltown, a very large and most sympathetic crowd gathered round. Mrs. Renny and Miss Fraser Smith both made a stirring appeal to the electors to write to their members asking them to vote so that the Bill should be effectively proceeded with this Session. Votes for Women sold well, and goodwill was the predominant note. Offers of help from the members will be gladly received. Now is the chance for would-be speakers to come forward! Paper-sellers and chalkers are urgently wanted. The weekly At Home have been given up for the season, but the offices will be open every Tuesday, from 6 to 8 p.m., or the discussion of plans, the reporting of progress, and the sale of goods.

Friday, May 19.—Broughty Ferry, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m.

Monday, May 22.—Pannure Street, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24.—Invergowrie, Open-air Meeting, 8 p.m.

EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND.

Office—5, Melville Place, Queensferry Street. Organiser—Miss Lucy Burns, E.A. Tel.: 6183 Central.

Last Thursday's At Home were very well attended. The speaker, Miss Fraser Smith, referred to the debate on May 5. Many thanks to the members who have helped this week with the heavy clerical work. Mrs. Charlton wishes to remind members of the Jumble Sale to-morrow (see below). Contributions must now be sent direct to the shop. It is requested that all who intend to go to London for the Procession on June 17 should communicate with the organiser as soon as possible.

Friday, May 19.—Jedburgh, Public Hall, Miss Elizabeth Freeman, 8 p.m.

Saturday, May 20.—63, Dairy Road, Jumble Sale, 3 p.m.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND.

Shop and Office—302, Sauchiehall Street. Tel.: 615, Charing Cross. Organiser—Miss Wylie.

Dumbarton meeting was most successful. Votes for Women were sold out, and a very large number of postcards, urging for time to be given for the further consideration of the Bill this session, were sent to Mr. Asquith, signed by electors. At Singer's works, Clydebank, also, a mid-day meeting was held, and postcards again sent to Mr. Asquith. Coatbridge and Fort Glasgow are to be visited this week. The shop window is looking very gay, thanks to a new interior signboard, painted by Mrs. Hector. Through Mrs. Lawrence Henderson's generosity, the outside signboard is also being re-painted. Thanks are tendered to both, and to Miss Bow, who has forwarded 2s. 6d. from Anon.

SPEAKERS' CLASS.

Hon. Elocution Mistress—Miss Ross Lee, 45, Ashworth Mansions, Elgin Avenue, W. Hon. Secretary—Miss Hale, 4, Clements Inn, W.C.

Last Friday the speakers concentrated entirely on the great Procession of June 17, and this week they will take for their subject, "The Present Position of the Movement." They are urged to include the Procession in their speeches, as it is very important for them to have full details at their finger tips. Will all members realise how useful they can be at this point by holding outdoor meetings, and give as much time as possible to Miss Billing, who is organising the entire outdoor campaign of the W.S.P.U.? An enormous amount of meetings must be held in order to advertise the Procession on June 17, and if the Speakers' Class put their shoulders to the wheel, they can be a great help in making this the finest demonstration that has ever been held.

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3. Entrance fee 3d. weekly, proceeds to be used for the purchase of educational literature.
4. The Library books are only to be kept one week, and must be returned or sent by post before the next class.
5. Members are limited to ten classes, and it must be clearly understood that no one shall be admitted to these classes except intending speakers.

IRISH WOMEN'S FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

Office—Ancient Concert Buildings, 61, Brunswick Street, Dublin.

Mrs. Kettle presided at a meeting held on Tuesday, May 9, and gave a detailed analysis of the Irish vote on the second reading of the Conciliation Bill. She noted with satisfaction that only nine Irish Members voted against the Bill, a record vote of 33 plus 6 pairs being cast in its favour. Mr. Bridgman, B.L., in the course of an able address, defended militant tactics. Mrs. Barl announced the approaching Jumble Sale on May 27, in League Rooms. A new stall is being opened for marmalade, flowers, lace and other work presented by members who are requested to make up parcels (old and new) and send them in at once. Fourteen dozen Votes for Women are weekly sold in the streets, and with the open-air campaign these numbers will steadily increase. On Thursday, May 11, several members attended at Westland Row to bid good-bye to the Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress and party, and raised a rousing cheer for Dublin's Lord Mayor as the train steamed out of the station.

London Branch.—Hon. Sec.: Miss K. Pearce, 31, Delancey Street, N.W. The next meeting will be held at the Emerson Club, 19, Buckingham Street, on Tuesday, May 23, at 8 p.m., for a general discussion of work and plans. Irishwomen in London must feel greatly encouraged by the recent splendid success of their colleagues in Dublin, and it is hoped that all members and friends will attend, ready for energetic work in the near future. New members especially welcome.

THE WOMEN WRITERS' SUFFRAGE LEAGUE.

The League is issuing invitations for an important public meeting to be held in the Grand Hall of the Criterion Restaurant on Tuesday, May 23, at 8 o'clock. Among the speakers are Miss Elizabeth Robins, President of the League, Mrs. Sarah Tooley, and Mr. Jerome K. Jerome. The Rev. Dr. Cobb will take the chair and Miss Beatrice Harraden will act as Hostess. Admission free. All interested will be heartily welcomed.

THE CHURCH LEAGUE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—The Bishop of Lincoln. Offices—11, St. Mark's Crescent, Regent's Park, N.W.

Branches have been recently formed at Redhill, Parkstone, Newcastle and Shrewsbury. Successful drawing-room meetings have been held at Redhill (hostess: Mrs. Cather) and at 88, Dalton Lane (hostess: Miss Barlow), addresses being given by the Rev. O. Hinscliff. The Worthing branch held its inaugural meeting on May 4, at which addresses were given by the Hon. Mrs. Henley, and the Rev. Claude Hinscliff. Arrangements are being made for the formation of a Branch at Worcester. Will volunteers for the Procession on June 17 kindly communicate with the organising secretary, 11, St. Mark's Crescent, from whom tickets can be obtained for the meeting on that evening in the Kensington Town Hall (small)? Details of the meeting will be issued next week.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

Hon. Treas.—Miss Monica Whately, 75, Harcourt Terrace, The Boltons, S.W.

All Catholic men and women are asked to join this society, and to communicate at once with the Hon. Treasurer as we are to walk under our own banner in the Procession on June 17. Pamphlets are on sale now, price one penny. "The views of Cardinal Moran and the late Cardinal Vaughan on Woman's Suffrage," reprinted by kind permission of the Editor of *The Tablet*. A very successful At Home was held on Saturday last, by kind permission of Mrs. Whately. Miss Kathleen Fitzgerald gave an interesting speech. A resolution was passed condemning the silence of the Press concerning the visit of the Lord Mayor of Dublin and the banquet given in his honour.

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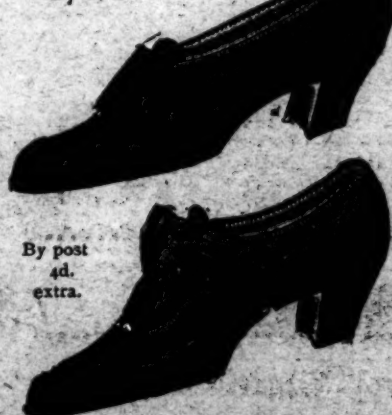
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May 24, at St. Frances Nursing Home, 190, Camberwell Road, S.E. Chair, Dr. Josiah Oldfield, M.A., B.C.L. Speakers, Mrs. Bullock and Rev. G. Ward, 8 p.m. For June 17 Procession Mrs. Rogers, 4, Cholmeley Park, Highgate, N., is secretary, who requests names of members and sympathisers for this contingent, also offers of work and money. This league joins the Women's Freedom League on May 20 for procession to J. S. Mill's statue.

THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE.

President—Mrs. Cecil Chapman. Office—5, Park Mansions Arcade, Knightsbridge (opposite Tube Station).

The main feature of interest in this week's campaign was a debate held at 8, Park Mansions Arcade, in the presence of a very large audience. Lady Florence Burke spoke against woman's suffrage on political and personal grounds, and was opposed by Miss Helen Ogden. Mr. Macdonald then opposed upon the grounds of the danger to the Empire of adult suffrage, and was followed by Mr. Cecil Chapman. Mrs. Cecil

Chapman, who took the chair, expressed a hope that the Anti-Suffragists would receive the N.C.S. in their stronghold and have a similar friendly discussion. On Tuesday, May 23, the speaker at the At Home will be Mrs. Brownlow and the hostess Miss Laetitia Dixon. Preparations for the Fruit and Flower Sale, to be held on June 13, are now in hand, and offers of contributions will be gladly received at the office. The society is undertaking a canvass on behalf of the June Procession, and will be glad to receive names of those who are willing to walk with this section.

THE ACTRESSES' FRANCHISE LEAGUE.

2, Robert Street, Strand, W.C. Telephone: City 1214. President: Mrs. Forbes Robertson.

Organising Secretary: Miss Joan Dugdale.

Next members' meeting on Friday, May 26, at the New Reform Club, 10, Adelphi Terrace, at 3 p.m. Subject for discussion: "Should Women Enter the Legal Profession?" Speaker: Mrs. De Costa, a member of the New Zealand Bar. It is hoped that a member of the Anti-Suffrage League may be induced to oppose the resolution, so members and friends please rally!

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